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REPORT ON DRILLING ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SUMMARY

September 1984

WELLS REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD:* August 25, 1984 through September 28, 1984

	DEVELOPMENT		EXPLORATORY		TOTAL WELLS	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Oil Wells	3,690	56.4	256	15.7	3,946	48.3
Gas Wells	1,190	18.2	142	8.7	1,332	16.3
Dry Holes	1,664	25.4	1,236	75.6	2,900	35.4
Total Wells**	<u>6,544</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,634</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>8,178</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total Previous Year	<u>5,959</u>		<u>1,075</u>		<u>7,034</u>	

*Data contained in this report are for completed wells reported to the API in the current time period. These should not be regarded as wells drilled during this interim. Because of the differences in definitions and timing, and the inherent time-lag in reporting completions, well completions will not track the rotary rig count on a concurrent basis.

**Excluding Stratigraphic and Core Tests and Service Wells.

NOTE: Monthly data are tabulated from reports received from API Respondents. They are subject to reclassification on the basis of review by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists—Committee on Statistics of Drilling (AAPG-CSD). Corrections subsequently received from API Respondents, and revisions in well classification provided by the AAPG-CSD will be incorporated in quarterly and annual summaries. Therefore, monthly data will not necessarily agree with cumulative totals subsequently published during the year. The geographic distribution of wells and footage for development wells is not published separately on a monthly basis.

TABLE I
TOTAL WELLS DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES¹
SEPTEMBER 1984

**TOTAL WELLS EX-
CLUDING SERVICE
WELLS, STRATI-
GRAPHIC &
CORE TESTS**

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS EX- CLUDING SERVICE WELLS, STRATI- GRAPHIC & CORE TESTS	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE		
ALABAMA - ONSHORE	2	30,420	8	33,952	13	60,839	23	125,211
ALABAMA - TOTAL	2	30,420	8	33,952	13	60,839	23	125,211
ALASKA - ONSHORE	11	109,722			2	19,004	13	128,726
ALASKA - OFFSHORE	1	9,722			1	9,424	2	19,146
ALASKA - TOTAL	12	119,444			3	28,428	15	147,872
ARIZONA					1	500	1	500
ARKANSAS	26	85,271	26	143,727	33	178,546	85	407,544
CALIFORNIA - NORTH			11	69,459	23	141,810	34	211,269
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL	22	64,324			2	8,637	24	72,961
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	250	432,147			16	73,434	266	505,581
CALIFORNIA - SOUTH	5	22,477			3	14,141	8	36,618
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE	12	56,296			1	1,276	13	57,572
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	289	575,244	11	69,459	45	239,298	345	884,001
COLORADO	66	427,970	37	224,462	44	236,066	147	888,498
FLORIDA - ONSHORE	1	12,295			3	32,232	4	44,527
FLORIDA - TOTAL	1	12,295			3	32,232	4	44,527
IDAHO					1	7,500	1	7,500
ILLINOIS	136	309,325	2	745	84	194,096	222	504,166
INDIANA	27	52,203	1	1,760	26	53,383	54	107,346
KANSAS	323	827,371	38	121,763	304	1,038,405	665	1,987,539
KENTUCKY	379	418,889	26	49,863	658	778,110	1,063	1,246,862
LOUISIANA - NORTH	248	495,642	56	276,014	157	603,733	461	1,375,389
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	29	215,901	18	181,432	44	448,461	91	845,794
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	17	157,149	24	277,725	21	200,949	62	635,823
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	294	368,692	98	735,171	222	1,253,143	614	2,857,006
MICHIGAN	44	169,804	8	25,598	71	323,614	123	519,016
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	19	170,646	4	34,892	32	218,519	55	424,057
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	19	170,646	4	34,892	32	218,519	55	424,057
MISSOURI	1	320			4	1,942	5	2,262
MONTANA	18	68,062	13	17,859	11	90,339	42	176,260
NEBRASKA	17	77,336			11	45,736	28	123,072
NEVADA					4	17,054	4	17,054
NEW MEXICO - EAST	61	419,312	13	114,045	26	217,852	100	751,210
NEW MEXICO - WEST	21	114,953	13	78,528	3	9,280	37	202,761
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	82	534,266	26	192,573	29	227,132	137	953,971
NEW YORK	18	21,562	29	94,082	2	7,614	49	123,258
NORTH DAKOTA	30	264,226			28	220,811	58	485,037
OHIO	46	133,964	150	573,739	45	140,285	241	847,988
OKLAHOMA	463	1,956,533	158	995,960	241	1,094,239	862	4,046,732
PENNSYLVANIA	156	216,501	206	746,255	6	11,525	368	974,281
SOUTH DAKOTA					2	13,000	2	13,000
TENNESSEE	21	30,375	23	32,213	12	19,772	56	82,360
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	146	289,700	9	59,054	40	130,755	195	479,509
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	21	124,412	29	176,979	32	197,932	82	499,323
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	96	657,195	31	268,275	85	592,771	212	1,518,241
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	17	90,372	57	490,070	82	582,506	156	1,162,948
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5	6	36,704	5	52,953	18	91,711	29	181,368
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	31	192,951	27	236,629	27	219,548	85	649,128
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	194	620,076	69	269,564	261	709,138	524	1,598,778
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	138	796,375	37	229,091	63	330,231	238	1,355,697
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	294	1,589,688	13	165,376	39	317,394	346	2,072,458
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	178	978,336	1	6,223	52	348,963	231	1,333,522
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	191	586,120	16	82,576	126	414,736	333	1,083,432
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	59	246,109	13	140,934	25	231,003	97	618,046
TEXAS - OFFSHORE			6	52,956	17	165,427	23	218,383
TEXAS - TOTAL	1,371	6,208,038	313	2,230,680	867	4,332,115	2,551	12,770,833
UTAH	18	144,464	2	16,375	21	137,934	41	298,773
VIRGINIA			13	73,573			13	73,573
WEST VIRGINIA	7	24,263	138	640,970	6	27,560	151	692,793
WYOMING	78	453,490	2	22,646	65	488,375	145	964,511
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS								
ALASKA OFFSHORE	1	11,638					1	11,638
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN	1	9,797			5	40,554	6	50,351
PACIFIC COAST					1	8,055	1	8,055
TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1984	3,946	14,222,409	1,332	7,078,317	2,900	11,566,721	8,178	32,867,447
TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1983	3,736	13,717,341	1,282	7,114,772	2,016	9,541,962	7,034	30,374,075

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SEPTEMBER 1984									
STRATIGRAPHIC AND CORE TESTS		SERVICE WELLS		TOTAL WELLS ALL TYPES SEPTEMBER 1984		TOTAL WELLS ⁴ ALL TYPES SEPTEMBER 1983		STATE OR DISTRICT	
				WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE		
WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE		
				23	125,211	20	111,006	ALABAMA - ONSHORE	
				23	125,211	20	111,006	ALABAMA - TOTAL	
		3	33,677	16	162,403	11	103,551	ALASKA - ONSHORE	
				2	19,146	1	2,675	ALASKA - OFFSHORE	
		3	33,677	16	181,549	12	106,226	ALASKA - TOTAL	
				1	500	1	1,456	ARIZONA	
		1	3,500	86	411,044	103	440,282	ARKANSAS	
				34	211,269	20	128,857	CALIFORNIA - NORTH	
		3	13,404	27	86,365	21	59,180	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL	
		25	33,095	291	538,676	242	410,797	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	
		2	11,046	10	47,664	12	62,711	CALIFORNIA - SOUTH	
		1	8,448	14	66,020	10	59,685	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE	
		31	65,993	376	949,994	305	721,230	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	
				147	888,498	136	842,246	COLORADO	
				4	44,527	2	32,159	FLORIDA - ONSHORE	
				4	44,527	2	32,159	FLORIDA - TOTAL	
				1	7,500			IDAHO	
		15	24,070	237	528,236	286	697,259	ILLINOIS	
		2	4,647	56	111,993	106	201,348	INDIANA	
		9	22,083	674	2,009,622	711	2,225,865	KANSAS	
		9	6,747	1,072	1,253,609	33	52,884	KENTUCKY	
		19	29,116	480	1,404,505	308	1,069,962	LOUISIANA - NORTH	
				91	845,794	100	1,017,167	LOUISIANA - SOUTH	
				62	635,823	76	728,935	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	
		19	29,116	633	2,886,122	484	2,816,064	LOUISIANA - TOTAL	
		3	13,463	126	532,479	50	180,471	MICHIGAN	
				55	424,057	47	354,026	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	
				55	424,057	47	354,026	MISSISSIPPI- TOTAL	
7	894	2	463	14	3,619	64	16,061	MISSOURI	
				42	176,260	39	168,238	MONTANA	
				28	123,072	38	195,995	NEBRASKA	
				4	17,054			NEVADA	
		1	4,439	101	755,649	83	486,974	NEW MEXICO - EAST	
				37	202,761	71	404,144	NEW MEXICO - WEST	
		1	4,439	138	958,410	154	891,118	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	
				49	123,258	27	92,275	NEW YORK	
				58	485,037	35	324,859	NORTH DAKOTA	
		2	5,976	243	853,964	469	1,754,101	OHIO	
		5	13,696	867	4,060,428	1,072	5,031,648	OKLAHOMA	
1	3,061	8	8,909	377	986,251	237	369,457	PENNSYLVANIA	
				2	13,000	3	18,860	SOUTH DAKOTA	
				56	82,360	36	44,109	TENNESSEE	
				195	479,509	399	1,026,552	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	
				82	499,323	46	332,909	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	
				212	1,518,241	207	1,549,455	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	
		5	40,603	161	1,203,551	151	1,069,981	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	
				29	181,368	120	267,819	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5	
				85	649,128	141	788,465	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	
1	400	5	13,492	530	1,612,670	326	1,041,486	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	
		1	2,500	239	1,358,197	124	617,783	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	
		49	178,494	395	2,250,952	217	1,083,557	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	
14	4,690	22	99,150	267	1,437,362	158	910,819	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	
		4	8,250	337	1,091,682	340	1,039,753	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	
				97	618,046	139	839,112	TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	
				23	218,383	44	429,126	TEXAS - OFFSHORE	
15	5,090	86	342,489	2,652	13,118,412	2,412	10,996,817	TEXAS - TOTAL	
				41	298,773	35	207,445	UTAH	
				13	73,573	3	11,425	VIRGINIA	
				151	692,793	175	758,484	WEST VIRGINIA	
				145	964,511	153	1,146,416	WYOMING	
				1	11,638			OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS	
				6	50,351	3	32,820	ALASKA OFFSHORE	
				1	8,055			GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST	
23	9,045	196	579,268	8,397	33,455,760	7,251	30,842,650	TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1984	
38	5,301	179	463,274	7,251	30,842,650			TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1983	

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TABLE II
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SEPTEMBER 1984

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ³		DRY HOLES ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE					4	19,330
ALABAMA - TOTAL					4	19,330
ALASKA - ONSHORE	1	7,570			1	11,512
ALASKA - TOTAL	1	7,570			1	11,512
ARIZONA					1	500
ARKANSAS	1	6,500			18	88,034
CALIFORNIA - NORTH					3	19,966
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL						
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	1	800			2	21,780
CALIFORNIA - SOUTH					1	5,489
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE						
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	1	800			6	47,175
COLORADO	7	44,578	6	25,964	28	153,570
FLORIDA - ONSHORE					3	32,232
FLORIDA - TOTAL					3	32,232
IDAHO					1	7,500
ILLINOIS	8	19,982			46	86,236
INDIANA	3	7,216			19	39,469
KANSAS	51	192,184	8	37,002	168	632,889
KENTUCKY	57	64,386	15	25,894	274	332,601
LOUISIANA - NORTH	3	16,178	2	5,778	35	200,539
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	1	14,500	1	13,656	12	129,038
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	1	10,250	1	7,235	12	127,739
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	5	40,928	4	26,669	59	457,316
MICHIGAN	5	19,805	3	8,359	46	208,336
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	2	18,860	1	2,741	21	127,358
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	2	18,860	1	2,741	21	127,358
MISSOURI					4	1,942
MONTANA	2	23,330			7	59,942
NEBRASKA					8	32,326
NEVADA					4	17,054
NEW MEXICO - EAST			1	12,978	7	62,847
NEW MEXICO - WEST	5	26,049	2	8,230	1	4,800
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	5	26,049	3	21,208	8	67,647
NEW YORK						
NORTH DAKOTA	5	41,736			15	114,581
OHIO			2	5,375	5	12,700
OKLAHOMA	13	95,084	11	86,920	25	131,689
PENNSYLVANIA			2	11,026		
SOUTH DAKOTA					2	13,000
TENNESSEE						
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	6	31,595	6	40,917	17	55,777
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	6	41,361	11	75,631	14	92,252
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	8	76,362	12	90,262	35	322,278
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	5	31,601	26	235,934	29	214,193
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5					15	81,667
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	3	23,170	5	40,147	16	138,830
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	20	70,790	11	44,691	105	379,340
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	7	39,586	4	16,425	35	157,409
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	11	93,215	5	79,030	26	208,212
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	6	57,065			36	253,034
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	8	53,949	3	13,620	56	257,644
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10					7	68,574
TEXAS - OFFSHORE			2	18,304	14	129,308
TEXAS - TOTAL	80	518,694	85	654,961	405	2,358,518
UTAH	2	12,400	1	15,145	11	83,130
WEST VIRGINIA			1	1,260		
WYOMING	7	54,112			42	321,294
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS						
ALASKA OFFSHORE	1	11,638			4	37,089
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN					1	8,055
PACIFIC COAST						
TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1984	256	1,205,852	142	922,524	1,236	5,503,025
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WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
4	19,330	9	29,197	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
4	19,330	9	29,197	ALABAMA - TOTAL
2	19,082			ALASKA - ONSHORE
2	19,082			ALASKA - TOTAL
1	500	1	1,456	ARIZONA
19	94,534	14	74,589	ARKANSAS
3	19,906	5	28,427	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
		1	6,000	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
3	22,580	4	27,239	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
1	5,489	1	6,300	CALIFORNIA - SOUTH
		3	29,631	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE
7	47,975	14	97,597	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
41	224,112	40	236,497	COLORADO
3	32,232			FLORIDA - ONSHORE
3	32,232			FLORIDA - TOTAL
1	7,500			IDAHO
54	106,218	51	123,189	ILLINOIS
22	46,685	69	150,419	INDIANA
227	862,075	173	664,364	KANSAS
346	422,881	3	3,687	KENTUCKY
40	222,495	38	241,246	LOUISIANA - NORTH
14	157,194	17	196,467	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
14	145,224			LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
68	524,913	55	437,713	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
54	236,500	9	38,088	MICHIGAN
24	148,959	22	163,416	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
24	148,959	22	163,416	MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL
4	1,942	10	6,477	MISSOURI
9	83,272	11	65,087	MONTANA
8	32,326	13	73,360	NEBRASKA
4	17,054			NEVADA
8	75,825	11	71,871	NEW MEXICO - EAST
8	39,079	3	16,981	NEW MEXICO - WEST
16	114,904	14	88,852	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
		2	4,882	NEW YORK
20	156,317	10	99,206	NORTH DAKOTA
7	18,075	13	42,000	OHIO
49	313,693	71	528,784	OKLAHOMA
2	11,026	6	33,049	PENNSYLVANIA
2	13,000	2	10,480	SOUTH DAKOTA
		21	25,853	TENNESSEE
29	128,289	40	137,961	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
31	209,244	26	189,944	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
55	488,902	40	392,435	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
60	481,728	46	381,334	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
15	81,667	5	48,574	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
24	202,147	14	115,068	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
136	494,821	80	260,726	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
46	213,420	19	90,247	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
42	380,457	12	80,146	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
42	310,099	15	121,530	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
67	325,213	43	221,030	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
7	68,574			TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
16	147,612	27	263,916	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
570	3,532,173	367	2,302,911	TEXAS - TOTAL
14	110,675	12	78,364	UTAH
1	1,260	8	42,057	WEST VIRGINIA
49	375,406	55	488,890	WYOMING
				OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
1	11,638			ALASKA OFFSHORE
4	37,089			GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN
1	8,055			PACIFIC COAST
1,634	7,631,401	1,075	5,910,464	TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1984
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	DEVELOPMENT		EXPLORATORY		TOTAL WELLS	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Oil Wells	3,272	59.1	162	13.5	3,434	51.0
Gas Wells	1,132	20.5	106	8.9	1,238	18.4
Dry Holes	1,130	20.4	928	77.6	2,058	30.6
Total Wells**	<u>5,534</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>6,730</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total Previous Year	<u>4,959</u>		<u>940</u>		<u>5,899</u>	

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OCTOBER 1984

**TOTAL WELLS EX-
CLUDING SERVICE
WELLS, STRATI-
GRAPHIC &
CORE TESTS**

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS EX- CLUDING SERVICE WELLS, STRATI- GRAPHIC & CORE TESTS	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE			3	22,254	10	54,459	13	76,713
ALABAMA - OFFSHORE			1	21,000			1	21,000
ALABAMA - TOTAL			4	43,254	10	54,459	14	97,713
ALASKA - ONSHORE	6	50,431					6	50,431
ALASKA - OFFSHORE								
ALASKA - TOTAL	6	50,431					6	50,431
ARKANSAS	39	138,089	13	74,337	47	209,151	99	421,577
CALIFORNIA - NORTH			2	12,598	13	101,122	15	113,720
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL	13	53,872	1	7,785	4	26,236	18	87,893
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	323	530,228			9	65,792	332	596,020
CALIFORNIA - SOUTH								
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE	16	89,418					16	89,418
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	352	673,518	3	20,383	26	193,150	381	887,051
COLORADO	48	313,154	43	254,535	43	244,058	134	811,747
FLORIDA - ONSHORE					1	16,500	1	16,500
FLORIDA - TOTAL					1	16,500	1	16,500
ILLINOIS	145	406,345			149	369,854	294	776,199
INDIANA	35	65,827	2	2,306	50	93,995	87	162,128
KANSAS	234	641,444	24	97,908	238	868,536	496	1,607,888
KENTUCKY	222	288,627	21	52,058	117	154,310	360	494,995
LOUISIANA - NORTH	209	406,269	52	157,444	119	438,653	380	1,002,366
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	37	249,545	26	321,003	51	576,684	114	1,147,232
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	13	124,595	14	127,351	25	229,710	52	481,656
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	259	780,409	92	605,798	195	1,245,047	546	2,631,254
MICHIGAN	18	73,831	5	14,477	40	158,963	63	247,271
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	4	31,651	4	49,237	31	280,263	39	361,151
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	4	31,651	4	49,237	31	280,263	39	361,151
MISSOURI	2	1,160			7	4,743	9	5,903
MONTANA	45	177,842	30	47,776	22	96,912	97	322,530
NEBRASKA	19	82,917	4	13,903	23	113,960	46	210,780
NEVADA					1	5,000	1	5,000
NEW MEXICO - EAST	55	349,187	9	81,396	15	116,454	79	547,037
NEW MEXICO - WEST	15	93,980	15	84,445	4	14,453	34	192,878
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	70	443,167	24	165,841	19	130,907	113	739,915
NEW YORK	3	4,665	16	55,297			19	59,962
NORTH DAKOTA	10	86,384			29	195,762	39	282,146
OHIO	119	387,669	272	1,021,479	27	81,789	418	1,490,937
OKLAHOMA	368	1,553,697	167	1,075,824	249	1,185,587	784	3,815,108
PENNSYLVANIA	16	16,512	71	302,177	4	20,539	91	339,228
SOUTH DAKOTA					1	850	1	850
TENNESSEE	33	45,035	22	38,412	16	19,427	71	102,874
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	297	584,862	8	63,485	50	142,659	355	791,006
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	15	88,403	26	187,135	31	178,042	72	453,580
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	73	439,724	33	324,950	60	483,130	166	1,247,804
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	10	43,067	68	606,192	35	267,688	113	916,947
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5	32	70,228	17	170,681	17	98,765	66	339,674
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	42	238,350	33	281,231	40	234,652	115	754,233
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	129	422,103	44	141,387	188	538,499	361	1,101,989
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	73	435,758	45	285,214	15	67,674	133	788,646
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	190	999,240	5	45,275	16	91,226	211	1,135,741
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	169	848,998			19	127,728	188	976,726
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	160	622,315	19	111,167	142	528,231	321	1,261,713
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	106	454,430	15	134,877	14	94,918	135	684,225
TEXAS - OFFSHORE			1	8,328	10	110,881	11	119,209
TEXAS - TOTAL	1,296	5,247,478	314	2,359,922	637	2,964,093	2,247	10,571,493
UTAH	11	96,462	4	22,968	5	29,763	20	149,193
VIRGINIA	1	3,150	8	47,582	2	1,277	11	52,009
WEST VIRGINIA	5	11,185	87	371,363	3	7,005	95	389,553
WYOMING	74	443,976	8	66,660	60	395,280	142	905,916
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS								
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN					5	50,204	5	50,204
PACIFIC COAST					1	6,000	1	6,000
TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1984	3,434	12,064,625	1,238	6,803,497	2,058	9,197,384	6,730	28,065,506
TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1983	2,976	11,259,086	1,221	6,194,300	1,702	7,511,874	5,899	24,965,260

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OCTOBER 1984

STRATIGRAPHIC AND CORE TESTS		SERVICE WELLS		TOTAL WELLS ALL TYPES OCTOBER 1984		TOTAL WELLS ⁴ ALL TYPES OCTOBER 1983		STATE OR DISTRICT
WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
				13	76,713	14	34,686	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
				1	21,000			ALABAMA - OFFSHORE
				14	97,713	14	34,686	ALABAMA - TOTAL
				6	50,431	12	107,725	ALASKA - ONSHORE
						1	12,304	ALASKA - OFFSHORE
				6	50,431	13	120,029	ALASKA - TOTAL
		3	14,918	102	436,495	59	302,379	ARKANSAS
				15	113,720	24	148,022	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
				18	87,893	10	33,716	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
		54	78,596	386	674,616	218	444,922	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
						11	50,007	CALIFORNIA - SOUTH
				16	89,418	6	38,507	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE
		54	78,596	435	965,647	269	715,174	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
				134	811,747	106	655,231	COLORADO
				1	16,500	6	83,062	FLORIDA - ONSHORE
				1	16,500	6	83,062	FLORIDA - TOTAL
		5	11,232	299	787,431	276	627,811	ILLINOIS
		3	3,697	90	165,825	66	125,698	INDIANA
		4	2,721	500	1,610,609	557	1,689,506	KANSAS
		13	16,307	373	511,302	100	131,618	KENTUCKY
		8	13,515	388	1,015,881	242	849,477	LOUISIANA - NORTH
				114	1,147,232	79	838,157	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
				52	481,656	70	642,766	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
		8	13,515	554	2,644,769	391	2,330,400	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
				63	247,271	73	278,816	MICHIGAN
				39	361,151	44	339,191	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
				39	361,151	44	339,191	MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL
5	1,025	1	135	15	7,063	14	4,154	MISSOURI
				97	322,530	44	165,834	MONTANA
		1	6,648	47	217,428	9	28,863	NEBRASKA
				1	5,000	1	2,540	NEVADA
				79	547,037	64	330,122	NEW MEXICO - EAST
				34	192,878	52	305,397	NEW MEXICO - WEST
				113	739,915	116	635,519	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
				19	59,962	46	161,423	NEW YORK
				39	282,146	38	321,519	NORTH DAKOTA
		4	3,834	422	1,494,771	669	2,216,638	OHIO
		3	8,636	787	3,823,744	852	4,108,976	OKLAHOMA
				91	339,228	50	112,475	PENNSYLVANIA
				1	850	2	3,934	SOUTH DAKOTA
				71	102,874	65	93,587	TENNESSEE
				355	791,006	214	432,354	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
				72	453,580	48	322,953	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
				166	1,247,804	121	830,970	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
				113	916,947	53	437,014	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
		7	12,348	73	352,022	42	176,670	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
		3	12,240	118	766,473	71	510,173	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
		10	24,690	371	1,126,679	351	1,089,870	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
				133	788,646	151	774,475	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
		25	101,922	236	1,237,663	231	1,107,372	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
2	495	10	48,422	200	1,025,643	140	840,436	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
		9	9,469	330	1,271,182	291	973,861	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
				135	684,225	117	601,467	TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
				11	119,209	21	223,898	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
2	495	64	209,091	2,313	10,781,079	1,851	8,321,513	TEXAS - TOTAL
				20	149,193	26	119,940	UTAH
				11	52,009	1	5,863	VIRGINIA
				95	389,553	184	828,226	WEST VIRGINIA
		4	19,477	146	925,393	121	703,648	WYOMING
								OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
				5	50,204	6	71,204	GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN
				1	6,000	3	18,218	PACIFIC COAST
7	1,520	167	388,807	6,904	28,455,833	6,072	25,357,675	TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1984
9	1,782	164	390,633	6,072	25,357,675			TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1983

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TABLE II
TOTAL EXPLORATORY WELLS DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES¹
OCTOBER 1984

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ³		DRY HOLES ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE					6	31,942
ALABAMA - OFFSHORE			1	21,000		
ALABAMA - TOTAL			1	21,000	6	31,942
ARKANSAS					9	62,585
CALIFORNIA - NORTH			1	5,100	12	90,554
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL	1	5,933			4	26,236
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL					9	65,792
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE						
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	1	5,933	1	5,100	25	182,582
COLORADO	8	55,605	3	18,862	31	183,700
FLORIDA - ONSHORE					1	16,500
FLORIDA - TOTAL					1	16,500
ILLINOIS	14	43,334			61	113,412
INDIANA	6	12,920			33	66,057
KANSAS	34	133,146	9	46,273	135	530,245
KENTUCKY	9	12,220	6	12,991	69	91,013
LOUISIANA - NORTH	4	26,814			25	151,656
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	1	17,933	2	31,712	13	141,951
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE			3	33,261	10	108,915
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	5	44,747	5	64,973	48	402,522
MICHIGAN	1	6,325			30	113,998
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	1	10,463			20	188,500
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	1	10,463			20	188,500
MISSOURI					5	3,606
MONTANA	7	61,080			16	79,861
NEBRASKA	2	8,625	3	8,953	19	94,969
NEVADA					1	5,000
NEW MEXICO - EAST	5	41,558	1	15,562	8	56,469
NEW MEXICO - WEST	1	4,952	1	8,735	3	12,231
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	6	46,510	2	24,297	11	68,700
NEW YORK			1	4,004		
NORTH DAKOTA	2	18,672			21	136,636
OHIO	2	10,300	8	33,643	4	9,938
OKLAHOMA	8	45,562	5	50,724	35	190,047
PENNSYLVANIA			5	28,741	2	15,661
SOUTH DAKOTA					1	850
TENNESSEE	1	1,400			1	1,907
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	5	24,892	4	29,320	6	30,742
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	1	8,210	1	10,969	6	50,528
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	2	24,414	9	89,729	22	220,098
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	1	7,500	20	182,300	14	119,922
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5					10	69,975
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	3	26,125	2	16,822	14	80,647
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	11	44,695	11	41,726	133	374,762
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	2	10,307	1	3,695	6	17,190
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	2	15,120	2	23,455	7	48,212
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	8	62,806			10	69,609
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	13	94,817	4	22,396	58	274,001
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	4	57,710	1	7,300	4	34,216
TEXAS - OFFSHORE					9	97,120
TEXAS - TOTAL	52	376,596	55	427,712	299	1,487,022
UTAH					4	23,266
WEST VIRGINIA			1	6,587		
WYOMING	3	28,187	1	10,419	35	273,171
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS						
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN					5	50,204
PACIFIC COAST					1	6,000
TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1984	162	921,625	106	764,279	928	4,429,894
TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1983	137	683,851	106	625,781	697	3,360,367

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OCTOBER 1984

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WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
6	31,942	8	18,494	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
1	21,000			ALABAMA - OFFSHORE
7	52,942	8	18,494	ALABAMA - TOTAL
9	62,585	19	113,419	ARKANSAS
13	95,654	13	81,355	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
5	32,169	1	6,402	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
9	65,792	15	93,834	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
		1	9,822	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE
27	193,615	30	191,413	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
42	258,167	28	151,171	COLORADO
1	16,500	5	71,569	FLORIDA - ONSHORE
1	16,500	5	71,569	FLORIDA - TOTAL
75	156,746	51	102,237	ILLINOIS
39	78,977	27	61,328	INDIANA
178	709,664	134	499,125	KANSAS
84	116,224	23	25,250	KENTUCKY
29	178,470	25	149,959	LOUISIANA - NORTH
16	191,596	18	199,304	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
13	142,176			LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
58	512,242	43	349,263	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
31	120,323	19	75,958	MICHIGAN
21	198,963	25	189,336	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
21	198,963	25	189,336	MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL
5	3,606	1	567	MISSOURI
23	140,941	9	54,256	MONTANA
24	112,547	9	28,863	NEBRASKA
1	5,000	1	2,540	NEVADA
14	113,589	8	54,537	NEW MEXICO - EAST
5	25,918	5	19,505	NEW MEXICO - WEST
19	139,507	13	74,042	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
1	4,004	3	9,921	NEW YORK
23	155,308	16	117,541	NORTH DAKOTA
14	53,881	12	31,990	OHIO
48	286,333	50	324,607	OKLAHOMA
7	44,402	2	2,500	PENNSYLVANIA
1	850	1	2,634	SOUTH DAKOTA
2	3,307	46	65,183	TENNESSEE
15	84,954	8	41,993	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
8	69,707	18	135,931	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
33	334,241	25	202,962	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
35	309,722	21	164,951	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
10	69,975	11	74,539	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
19	123,594	12	81,905	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
155	461,183	89	324,963	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
9	31,192	13	57,389	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
11	86,787	13	98,232	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
18	132,415	25	198,816	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
75	391,214	66	314,926	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
9	99,226			TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
9	97,120	8	74,839	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
406	2,291,330	309	1,771,446	TEXAS - TOTAL
4	23,266	14	70,446	UTAH
1	6,587	5	27,331	WEST VIRGINIA
39	311,777	34	219,351	WYOMING
				OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
5	50,204			GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN
1	6,000	3	18,218	PACIFIC COAST
1,196	6,115,798	940	4,669,999	TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1984
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SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 1984

WELLS REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD:* OCTOBER 27, 1984 through November 23, 1984

	DEVELOPMENT		EXPLORATORY		TOTAL WELLS	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Oil Wells	2,965	61.3	166	15.7	3,131	53.1
Gas Wells	957	19.7	114	10.8	1,071	18.2
Dry Holes	919	19.0	776	73.5	1,695	28.7
Total Wells**	<u>4,841</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>5,897</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total Previous Year	<u>5,277</u>		<u>1,098</u>		<u>6,375</u>	

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CORE TESTS**

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ²		DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS EX- CLUDING SERVICE WELLS, STRATI- GRAPHIC & CORE TESTS	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE		
ALABAMA - ONSHORE	1	2,905	6	17,213	34	173,179	41	193,297
ALABAMA - OFFSHORE								
ALABAMA - TOTAL	1	2,905	6	17,213	34	173,179	41	193,297
ALASKA - ONSHORE								
ALASKA - OFFSHORE								
ALASKA - TOTAL								
ARKANSAS	20	81,246	10	52,322	20	87,985	50	221,553
CALIFORNIA - NORTH			15	109,214	13	82,637	28	191,851
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL	5	5,862			2	5,399	7	11,261
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	72	127,411	1	4,000	16	86,907	89	218,318
CALIFORNIA - SOUTH	3	20,422			1	7,500	4	27,922
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE	1	4,269			2	23,102	3	27,371
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	81	157,964	16	113,214	34	205,545	131	476,723
COLORADO	60	364,088	63	348,117	62	334,647	185	1,046,852
FLORIDA - ONSHORE	1	13,258			1	16,600	2	29,858
FLORIDA - TOTAL	1	13,258			1	16,600	2	29,858
IDAHO								
ILLINOIS	97	219,844			70	149,862	167	369,706
INDIANA	68	122,058	3	4,533	65	118,166	136	244,757
KANSAS	291	682,775	34	93,063	229	791,958	554	1,567,796
KENTUCKY	155	230,068	45	93,737	181	295,727	381	619,532
LOUISIANA - NORTH	123	254,714	102	292,118	96	342,771	321	889,603
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	24	187,450	25	308,610	60	652,007	109	1,148,067
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	23	214,026	26	232,438	32	330,306	81	776,770
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	170	656,190	153	833,166	188	1,325,084	511	2,814,440
MICHIGAN	14	46,365			8	33,162	22	79,527
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	11	86,749	3	34,520	37	270,087	51	391,356
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	11	86,749	3	34,520	37	270,087	51	391,356
MISSOURI	9	4,368			6	6,261	15	10,629
MONTANA	40	200,293	10	19,365	31	166,256	81	385,914
NEBRASKA	14	67,318			23	118,004	37	185,322
NEVADA								
NEW MEXICO - EAST	52	319,591	13	106,983	16	102,312	81	528,886
NEW MEXICO - WEST	26	171,755	36	241,249	2	6,145	64	419,149
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	78	491,346	49	348,232	18	108,457	145	948,035
NEW YORK			8	28,209			8	28,209
NORTH DAKOTA	30	318,512			29	244,003	59	562,515
OHIO	79	312,368	145	554,005	13	26,896	237	893,269
OKLAHOMA	491	1,776,466	135	802,843	175	746,348	801	3,325,657
OREGON - ONSHORE					1	3,500	1	3,500
OREGON - TOTAL					1	3,500	1	3,500
PENNSYLVANIA	294	308,541	61	267,333	11	21,828	366	597,702
SOUTH DAKOTA	2	17,608			2	5,950	4	23,558
TENNESSEE	3	5,331	13	21,410	27	42,140	43	68,881
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	215	316,352	2	14,927	32	96,569	249	427,848
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	3	14,977	2	8,888	10	61,543	15	85,408
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	59	414,038	20	179,240	41	293,352	120	886,630
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	8	34,623	31	274,878	12	82,541	51	392,042
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5	12	49,531	8	77,365	18	66,550	38	193,446
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	27	168,965	21	198,784	16	80,292	64	448,041
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	153	448,001	44	146,609	66	217,485	263	812,095
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	48	293,564	14	91,563	12	46,009	74	431,236
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	194	1,121,167	6	50,413	8	61,613	208	1,233,193
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	122	662,735			9	55,993	131	719,728
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	137	513,526	16	87,484	100	393,638	253	994,648
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	40	165,393	15	129,857	8	62,050	63	357,300
TEXAS - OFFSHORE			3	33,635	2	31,968	5	65,603
TEXAS - TOTAL	1,018	4,202,972	182	1,293,643	334	1,550,603	1,534	7,047,218
UTAH	18	114,729	7	35,659	8	40,535	33	190,923
VIRGINIA								
WASHINGTON - ONSHORE								
WASHINGTON - TOTAL								
WEST VIRGINIA	9	30,852	112	502,494	5	20,170	126	553,516
WYOMING	77	524,142	16	149,283	67	560,757	160	1,234,182
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS								
ATLANTIC COAST								
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN					12	144,639	12	144,639
PACIFIC COAST					4	27,890	4	27,890
TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1984	3,131	11,038,356	1,071	5,612,361	1,695	7,636,239	5,897	24,286,956
TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1983	3,240	11,609,010	1,145	6,123,932	1,990	9,099,619	6,375	26,832,561

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TABLE I (CONT.)
TOTAL WELLS DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES¹

NOVEMBER 1984

STRATIGRAPHIC AND CORE TESTS		SERVICE WELLS		TOTAL WELLS ALL TYPES NOVEMBER 1984		TOTAL WELLS ⁴ ALL TYPES NOVEMBER 1983		STATE OR DISTRICT
WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
				41	193,297	20	78,756	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
						1	20,961	ALABAMA - OFFSHORE
				41	193,297	21	99,737	ALABAMA - TOTAL
						11	97,988	ALASKA - ONSHORE
						18	136,388	ALASKA - OFFSHORE
						29	234,376	ALASKA - TOTAL
				50	221,553	100	455,037	ARKANSAS
				28	191,851	11	55,824	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
				7	11,261	29	94,148	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
		35	53,567	124	271,885	205	389,170	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
		2	6,684	6	34,606	6	11,158	CALIFORNIA - SOUTH
		4	23,696	7	51,067	12	77,165	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE
		41	83,947	172	560,670	263	627,465	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
				185	1,046,852	122	720,081	COLORADO
				2	29,858	2	32,650	FLORIDA - ONSHORE
				2	29,858	2	32,650	FLORIDA - TOTAL
						1	5,000	IDAHO
		3	4,627	170	374,333	372	778,052	ILLINOIS
		6	5,725	142	250,482	94	184,517	INDIANA
		3	8,370	557	1,576,166	613	1,697,413	KANSAS
		2	1,082	383	620,614	42	37,415	KENTUCKY
		12	22,319	333	911,922	280	943,427	LOUISIANA - NORTH
				109	1,148,067	115	1,208,254	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
				81	776,770	81	626,316	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
		12	22,319	523	2,836,759	476	2,977,997	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
				22	79,527	108	394,286	MICHIGAN
				51	391,356	42	307,557	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
				51	391,356	42	307,557	MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL
				19	11,368	24	10,438	MISSOURI
				81	385,914	84	278,152	MONTANA
				37	185,322	44	221,541	NEBRASKA
						1	4,487	NEVADA
		1	4,900	82	533,786	52	311,558	NEW MEXICO - EAST
				64	419,149	50	277,320	NEW MEXICO - WEST
		1	4,900	146	952,935	102	588,878	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
				8	28,209	28	100,656	NEW YORK
				59	562,515	30	274,496	NORTH DAKOTA
				237	893,269	436	1,498,827	OHIO
		9	22,176	810	3,347,833	864	3,639,869	OKLAHOMA
				1	3,500			OREGON - ONSHORE
				1	3,500			OREGON - TOTAL
		1	1,075	368	599,414	157	257,684	PENNSYLVANIA
				4	23,558	10	30,162	SOUTH DAKOTA
				43	68,881	30	40,047	TENNESSEE
				249	427,848	317	739,320	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
				15	85,408	58	406,877	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
				120	886,630	158	1,196,051	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
				51	392,042	100	784,559	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
				38	193,446	17	129,797	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
				64	448,041	74	594,355	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
		12	30,324	275	842,419	382	1,163,615	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
		1	1,150	75	432,386	130	715,315	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
		33	121,437	241	1,354,630	296	1,510,503	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
		12	54,501	143	774,229	154	855,516	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
		7	14,486	260	1,009,134	296	916,229	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
				63	357,300	103	578,804	TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
				5	65,603	14	137,400	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
		65	221,898	1,599	7,269,116	2,102	9,728,941	TEXAS - TOTAL
				33	190,923	43	267,155	UTAH
						1	2,358	VIRGINIA
						2	8,915	WASHINGTON - ONSHORE
						2	8,915	WASHINGTON - TOTAL
		2	4,000	128	557,516	151	652,778	WEST VIRGINIA
		2	8,646	162	1,242,828	105	807,438	WYOMING
								OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
						12	188,224	ATLANTIC COAST
				12	144,639	4	37,757	GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN
				4	27,890			PACIFIC COAST
5	1,376	147	388,765	6,049	24,677,097	6,515	27,190,386	TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1984
		140	357,825	6,515	27,190,386			TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1983

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TABLE II
TOTAL EXPLORATORY WELLS DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES¹
NOVEMBER 1984

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ²		DRY HOLES ²	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE			2	4,700	17	88,884
ALABAMA - TOTAL			2	4,700	17	88,884
ARKANSAS					8	33,669
CALIFORNIA - NORTH			5	40,660	6	34,014
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL					5	33,094
CALIFORNIA - SOUTH					1	7,500
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE					1	17,576
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL			5	40,660	13	92,184
COLORADO	9	61,190	2	16,894	40	236,376
FLORIDA - ONSHORE					1	16,600
FLORIDA - TOTAL					1	16,600
IDAHO						
ILLINOIS	3	4,795			34	63,210
INDIANA	14	24,397	2	2,368	51	97,171
KANSAS	44	184,584	9	46,770	122	455,416
KENTUCKY	17	34,559	13	25,109	88	156,790
LOUISIANA - NORTH	1	8,600			18	82,362
LOUISIANA - SOUTH			2	28,713	26	314,299
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	1	15,500	4	40,993	12	140,415
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	2	24,100	6	69,706	56	537,076
MICHIGAN					5	19,527
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	1	6,110	2	16,420	17	125,696
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	1	6,110	2	16,420	17	125,696
MISSOURI					5	5,719
MONTANA	5	40,107	1	1,990	19	131,175
NEBRASKA	2	9,185			17	88,989
NEVADA						
NEW MEXICO - EAST	2	19,124	1	11,915	8	55,163
NEW MEXICO - WEST	3	18,055	2	10,976	2	6,145
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	5	37,179	3	22,891	10	61,308
NEW YORK						
NORTH DAKOTA	7	79,498			19	163,934
OHIO	1	5,029	2	7,808		
OKLAHOMA	8	63,486	6	41,487	16	105,156
OREGON - ONSHORE					1	3,500
OREGON - TOTAL					1	3,500
PENNSYLVANIA	1	1,180	6	34,671	2	12,165
SOUTH DAKOTA					2	5,950
TENNESSEE	3	5,331	12	19,666	27	42,140
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1					6	38,351
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	2	10,020	2	8,888	10	61,543
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	3	26,964	7	60,594	10	75,196
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	1	5,700	10	94,806	7	58,971
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5			1	14,055	8	32,874
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	1	7,400	5	52,321	7	48,631
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	8	31,951	7	26,869	29	110,928
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	1	13,143	1	2,850	10	41,569
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	6	56,128	1	63	4	28,585
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	2	18,814			6	45,203
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	8	52,810			39	243,454
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10			5	53,658	1	4,700
TEXAS - OFFSHORE						
TEXAS - TOTAL	32	222,930	39	314,104	137	790,005
UTAH	1	8,513	2	5,732	4	16,792
WASHINGTON - ONSHORE						
WASHINGTON - TOTAL						
WEST VIRGINIA			1	9,047		
WYOMING	11	97,447	1	1,560	51	441,429
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS						
ATLANTIC COAST					10	131,865
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN					4	27,890
PACIFIC COAST						
TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1984	166	909,620	114	681,583	776	3,950,616
TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1983	139	778,487	105	752,580	854	4,251,598

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TOTAL EXPLORATORY WELLS NOVEMBER 1984		NOVEMBER 1984 TOTAL² EXPLORATORY WELLS NOVEMBER 1983		STATE OR DISTRICT	
WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE		
19	93,584	5	28,154	ALABAMA - ONSHORE	
19	93,584	5	28,154	ALABAMA - TOTAL	
8	33,669	17	113,460	ARKANSAS	
11	74,674			CALIFORNIA - NORTH	
5	33,094			CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	
1	7,500			CALIFORNIA - SOUTH	
1	17,576			CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE	
18	132,844			CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	
51	314,460	46	283,194	COLORADO	
1	16,600			FLORIDA - ONSHORE	
1	16,600			FLORIDA - TOTAL	
37	68,005	1	5,000	IDAHO	
67	123,936	101	182,011	ILLINOIS	
175	686,770	33	69,906	INDIANA	
118	216,458	129	481,049	KANSAS	
19	90,962	2	3,100	KENTUCKY	
28	343,012	26	153,250	LOUISIANA - NORTH	
17	196,908	19	254,915	LOUISIANA - SOUTH	
64	630,882	4	31,301	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	
5	19,527	49	439,466	LOUISIANA - TOTAL	
20	148,226	38	151,459	MICHIGAN	
20	148,226	16	134,598	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	
5	5,719	16	134,598	MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	
25	173,272	14	5,526	MISSOURI	
19	98,174	23	106,902	MONTANA	
11	86,202	25	128,796	NEBRASKA	
7	35,176	1	4,487	NEVADA	
18	121,378	6	45,228	NEW MEXICO - EAST	
26	243,432	6	22,202	NEW MEXICO - WEST	
3	12,837	12	67,430	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	
30	210,129	6	23,055	NEW YORK	
1	3,500	12	98,406	NORTH DAKOTA	
1	3,500	11	37,520	OHIO	
9	48,016	51	350,274	OKLAHOMA	
2	5,950			OREGON - ONSHORE	
42	67,137	4	6,442	OREGON - TOTAL	
6	38,351	4	13,896	PENNSYLVANIA	
14	80,451	18	26,181	SOUTH DAKOTA	
20	162,754	26	128,569	TENNESSEE	
18	159,477	29	228,390	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	
9	46,929	30	264,585	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	
13	108,352	40	359,447	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	
44	169,748	9	49,008	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	
12	57,562	12	95,868	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5	
11	84,776	117	421,044	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	
8	64,017	32	153,826	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	
47	296,264	22	182,851	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	
6	58,358	26	179,549	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	
208	1,327,039	52	221,880	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	
7	31,037			TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	
1	9,047	7	75,092	TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	
63	540,436	402	2,360,109	TEXAS - OFFSHORE	
10	131,865	17	105,723	TEXAS - TOTAL	
4	27,890	2	8,915	UTAH	
1,056	5,541,819	2	8,915	WASHINGTON - ONSHORE	
1,098	5,782,665	7	23,673	WASHINGTON - TOTAL	
		39	327,649	WEST VIRGINIA	
				WYOMING	
		12	188,224	OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS	
		1	8,060	ATLANTIC COAST	
				GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN	
				PACIFIC COAST	
				TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1984	
				TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1983	

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REPORT ON DRILLING ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SUMMARY
December 1984

WELLS REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD:* November 24, 1984 through December 28, 1984

	DEVELOPMENT		EXPLORATORY		TOTAL WELLS	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Oil Wells	3,522	54.6	196	17.0	3,718	49.0
Gas Wells	1,858	28.8	97	8.5	1,955	25.7
Dry Holes	1,070	16.6	854	74.5	1,924	25.3
Total Wells**	<u>6,450</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,147</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7,597</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total Previous Year	<u>6,022</u>		<u>1,376</u>		<u>7,398</u>	

*Data contained in this report are for completed wells reported to the API in the current time period. These should not be regarded as wells drilled during this interim. Because of the differences in definitions and timing, and the inherent time-lag in reporting completions, well completions will not track the rotary rig count on a concurrent basis.

**Excluding Stratigraphic and Core Tests and Service Wells.

NOTE: Monthly data are tabulated from reports received from API Respondents. They are subject to reclassification on the basis of review by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists—Committee on Statistics of Drilling (AAPG-CSD). Corrections subsequently received from API Respondents, and revisions in well classification provided by the AAPG-CSD will be incorporated in quarterly and annual summaries. Therefore, monthly data will not necessarily agree with cumulative totals subsequently published during the year. The geographic distribution of wells and footage for development wells is not published separately on a monthly basis.

TABLE I
TOTAL WELLS DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES¹
DECEMBER 1984

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ²		DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS EX- CLUDING SERVICE WELLS, STRATI- GRAPHIC & CORE TESTS	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE	1	15,557	1	16,020	11	70,177	13	101,754
ALABAMA - OFFSHORE								
ALABAMA - TOTAL	1	15,557	1	16,020	11	70,177	13	101,754
ARIZONA								
ARKANSAS	20	89,161	31	165,250	27	136,358	78	390,769
CALIFORNIA - NORTH	1	4,300	13	68,094	3	21,527	17	93,921
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL	11	42,514			1	3,597	12	46,111
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	376	703,853	5	56,430	9	48,507	390	808,790
CALIFORNIA - SOUTH	7	23,813					7	23,813
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE	10	58,852					10	58,852
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	405	833,332	18	124,524	13	73,631	436	1,031,487
COLORADO	46	290,332	46	247,675	61	307,585	153	845,592
FLORIDA - ONSHORE					1	11,950	1	11,950
FLORIDA - TOTAL					1	11,950	1	11,950
ILLINOIS	167	471,115	2	1,350	132	340,004	301	812,469
INDIANA	64	108,417	10	9,816	70	134,398	144	252,631
KANSAS	204	678,435	33	139,311	213	810,874	450	1,628,620
KENTUCKY	68	103,964	21	53,826	79	145,710	168	303,500
LOUISIANA - NORTH	232	384,133	54	230,508	114	399,461	400	1,014,102
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	24	205,619	18	185,242	42	471,526	84	862,387
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	14	133,513	12	117,298	24	263,715	50	514,526
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	270	723,265	84	533,048	180	1,134,702	534	2,391,015
MICHIGAN	44	177,999	11	43,815	97	407,658	152	629,472
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	9	64,208	1	2,953	24	202,877	34	270,038
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	9	64,208	1	2,953	24	202,877	34	270,038
MISSOURI	2	920			2	1,072	4	1,992
MONTANA	31	183,599	17	28,374	22	84,705	70	296,678
NEBRASKA	4	20,462			24	133,778	28	154,240
NEVADA	2	8,522			6	42,557	8	51,079
NEW MEXICO - EAST	67	392,724	12	106,224	19	128,213	98	627,161
NEW MEXICO - WEST	23	150,101	26	165,623	2	6,071	51	321,795
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	90	542,825	38	271,847	21	134,284	149	948,956
NEW YORK	2	2,293	25	78,058	3	12,666	30	93,017
NORTH DAKOTA	35	330,378	1	14,095	27	233,074	63	577,547
OHIO	151	451,437	452	1,734,557	31	94,085	634	2,280,079
OKLAHOMA	509	1,903,941	206	1,245,366	261	1,356,146	976	4,505,453
PENNSYLVANIA	278	316,898	254	978,156	21	55,152	553	1,350,208
SOUTH DAKOTA	2	18,343			2	14,840	4	33,183
TENNESSEE	15	21,063	19	26,185	10	11,622	44	60,871
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	128	224,387			9	30,934	137	255,321
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	4	21,434	7	56,418	12	78,895	23	156,747
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	51	329,746	16	143,209	28	199,351	95	672,306
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	5	30,212	19	143,193	14	117,215	38	290,620
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5	18	53,643	13	159,253	18	119,685	49	332,581
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	21	117,011	14	131,198	28	172,988	63	421,197
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	181	623,439	55	184,801	171	541,452	407	1,349,692
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	129	679,441	23	137,266	41	176,274	193	992,981
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	221	1,292,125	12	97,220	25	187,762	258	1,577,107
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	157	876,579	3	14,534	30	223,491	190	1,114,604
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	166	561,544	20	122,453	112	395,804	298	1,079,801
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	77	355,503	13	99,068	13	96,423	103	550,994
TEXAS - OFFSHORE					2	27,154	2	27,154
TEXAS - TOTAL	1,158	5,165,064	195	1,288,613	503	2,367,428	1,856	8,821,105
UTAH	19	177,233	5	34,134	7	32,956	31	244,323
VIRGINIA	1	5,175	11	62,422	1	2,009	13	69,606
WEST VIRGINIA	71	240,975	463	2,108,050	16	62,426	550	2,411,451
WYOMING	49	357,058	11	88,994	53	349,356	113	795,408
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS								
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN	1	7,233			5	53,403	6	60,636
PACIFIC COAST					1	5,698	1	5,698
TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1984	3,718	13,309,204	1,955	9,298,440	1,924	8,823,181	7,597	31,430,825
TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1983	3,490	12,643,701	1,699	8,386,517	2,209	10,021,187	7,398	31,051,405

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DECEMBER 1984

STRATIGRAPHIC AND CORE TESTS		SERVICE WELLS		TOTAL WELLS ALL TYPES DECEMBER 1984		TOTAL WELLS ⁴ ALL TYPES DECEMBER 1983		STATE OR DISTRICT
WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
				13	101,754	18	98,921	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
						3	42,252	ALABAMA - OFFSHORE
				13	101,754	21	141,173	ALABAMA - TOTAL
						2	6,655	ARIZONA
		1	3,117	79	393,886	78	423,377	ARKANSAS
				17	93,921	31	194,411	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
		2	14,700	14	60,811	21	70,877	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
		6	14,356	396	823,146	264	536,652	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
		5	31,509	12	55,322	17	42,746	CALIFORNIA - SOUTH
				10	58,852	10	82,498	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE
		13	60,565	449	1,092,052	343	927,184	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
				153	845,592	116	700,329	COLORADO
				1	11,950			FLORIDA - ONSHORE
				1	11,950			FLORIDA - TOTAL
				301	812,469	235	544,978	ILLINOIS
		8	13,615	152	266,246	159	275,414	INDIANA
		9	27,867	459	1,656,487	704	2,063,915	KANSAS
				168	303,500	237	367,048	KENTUCKY
		13	32,264	413	1,046,366	307	1,114,710	LOUISIANA - NORTH
				84	862,387	100	1,033,738	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
				50	514,526	66	655,144	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
		13	32,264	547	2,423,279	473	2,803,592	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
				152	629,472	59	273,171	MICHIGAN
				34	270,038	88	714,212	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
				34	270,038	88	714,212	MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL
4	555	2	1,387	10	3,934	20	7,624	MISSOURI
				70	296,678	49	207,004	MONTANA
				28	154,240	26	136,649	NEBRASKA
				8	51,079			NEVADA
		1	898	99	628,059	82	458,554	NEW MEXICO - EAST
				51	321,795	34	193,094	NEW MEXICO - WEST
		1	898	150	949,854	116	651,648	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
				30	93,017	44	165,856	NEW YORK
				63	577,547	61	538,728	NORTH DAKOTA
		14	15,565	648	2,295,644	661	2,253,772	OHIO
		8	22,298	984	4,527,751	777	3,467,548	OKLAHOMA
		23	49,287	576	1,399,493	425	812,244	PENNSYLVANIA
				4	33,183	11	16,483	SOUTH DAKOTA
				44	60,871	59	81,849	TENNESSEE
				137	255,321	198	507,768	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
				23	156,747	109	732,641	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
				95	672,306	162	1,158,300	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
				38	290,620	147	1,128,242	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
				49	332,581	27	193,896	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
		4	22,141	67	443,338	82	634,875	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
		5	16,859	412	1,366,551	394	1,135,644	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
		1	3,270	194	996,251	161	897,909	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
		38	135,164	296	1,713,271	323	1,728,778	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
		11	58,767	201	1,173,371	177	999,686	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
		5	6,434	303	1,086,235	320	1,096,795	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
				103	550,994	118	576,047	TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
				2	27,154	18	156,738	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
		64	243,635	1,920	9,064,740	2,236	10,947,319	TEXAS - TOTAL
				31	244,323	24	164,841	UTAH
				13	69,606	26	110,543	VIRGINIA
		8	19,600	558	2,431,051	407	1,758,785	WEST VIRGINIA
		4	13,224	117	808,632	124	806,871	WYOMING
				6	60,636	2	14,133	OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
				1	5,698	11	85,795	GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST
4	555	168	503,322	7,769	31,934,702	7,594	31,468,740	TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1984
15	11,317	181	406,018	7,594	31,468,740			TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1983

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TABLE II
TOTAL EXPLORATORY WELLS DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES¹
DECEMBER 1984

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELL ²		GAS WELL ²		DRY HOLES ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE					3	27,262
ALABAMA - OFFSHORE						
ALABAMA - TOTAL					3	27,262
ARIZONA						
ARKANSAS					11	57,763
CALIFORNIA - NORTH					1	7,162
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL						
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL					4	35,647
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE						
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL					5	42,809
COLORADO	7	51,159	3	18,467	45	219,221
ILLINOIS	14	42,694	1	400	50	109,024
INDIANA	10	23,609	2	1,618	41	81,830
KANSAS	43	160,779	4	21,609	120	485,106
KENTUCKY	15	34,245	4	10,019	57	113,043
LOUISIANA - NORTH	3	24,325	4	35,730	25	136,690
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	1	13,000			11	123,939
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE			1	15,592	14	167,985
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	4	37,325	5	51,322	50	428,614
MICHIGAN	7	27,984	5	19,346	66	262,625
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	1	6,817	1	2,953	13	125,882
MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL	1	6,817	1	2,953	13	125,882
MISSOURI	1	600			1	233
MONTANA	7	57,542	3	4,596	10	48,126
NEBRASKA	2	9,642			19	107,209
NEVADA	1	4,220			6	42,557
NEW MEXICO - EAST	4	29,492	4	50,933	9	64,681
NEW MEXICO - WEST	3	18,648			1	4,115
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	7	48,140	4	50,933	10	68,796
NEW YORK	1	1,200			1	3,967
NORTH DAKOTA	2	17,010	1	14,095	17	159,755
OHIO	2	4,988	7	20,844	10	28,163
OKLAHOMA	11	72,094	4	37,967	35	240,524
PENNSYLVANIA	1	1,792	17	88,188	1	8,787
SOUTH DAKOTA					2	14,840
TENNESSEE					1	1,605
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	2	10,954			3	9,940
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2			5	36,468	8	51,615
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3			6	56,505	7	52,098
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	3	21,962	7	48,137	5	41,975
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5			1	15,005	11	76,950
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6			1	11,530	10	81,607
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	18	71,208	6	18,321	88	328,044
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	6	32,622	1	3,953	23	101,583
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	8	65,296	2	26,393	12	114,505
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	9	76,013			25	184,641
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	7	38,083			38	194,230
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10			1	10,550	8	70,767
TEXAS - OFFSHORE					1	11,149
TEXAS - TOTAL	53	316,138	30	226,862	239	1,319,104
UTAH	3	18,904			4	16,754
VIRGINIA						
WEST VIRGINIA	1	3,000	4	20,182	1	4,855
WYOMING	3	32,535	2	14,880	33	222,085
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS						
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN					2	21,165
PACIFIC COAST					1	5,698
TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1984	196	972,417	97	604,281	854	4,267,402
TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1983	206	1,053,657	192	1,167,307	978	4,694,393

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WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
3	27,262	10	58,885	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
3	27,262	1	3,058	ALABAMA - OFFSHORE
11	57,763	11	61,943	ALABAMA - TOTAL
1	7,162	2	6,655	ARIZONA
4	35,647	12	68,310	ARKANSAS
5	42,809	25	157,609	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
55	288,847	6	22,761	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
65	152,116	13	65,178	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
53	107,057	5	51,841	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE
167	667,494	49	297,389	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
76	157,307	47	265,183	COLORADO
32	196,745	64	130,124	ILLINOIS
12	136,939	69	132,538	INDIANA
15	183,577	156	567,696	KANSAS
59	517,261	114	198,856	KENTUCKY
78	309,955	45	245,325	LOUISIANA - NORTH
15	135,652	16	171,517	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
15	135,652	1	13,000	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
2	833	62	429,842	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
20	110,264	34	160,403	MICHIGAN
21	116,851	38	309,801	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
7	46,777	38	309,801	MISSISSIPPI - TOTAL
17	145,106	2	1,595	MISSOURI
4	22,763	18	114,664	MONTANA
21	167,869	12	65,246	NEBRASKA
2	5,167	10	75,125	NEVADA
20	190,860	4	24,064	NEW MEXICO - EAST
19	53,995	14	99,189	NEW MEXICO - WEST
50	350,585	4	16,355	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
19	98,767	22	164,454	NEW YORK
2	14,840	17	35,833	NORTH DAKOTA
1	1,605	34	204,696	OHIO
5	20,894	13	68,197	OKLAHOMA
13	88,083	11	16,483	PENNSYLVANIA
13	108,603	41	58,050	SOUTH DAKOTA
15	112,074	20	79,122	TENNESSEE
12	91,955	64	470,537	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
11	93,137	38	350,159	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
112	417,573	61	509,279	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
30	138,158	6	41,528	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
22	206,194	16	135,865	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
34	260,654	92	338,015	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
45	232,313	37	187,162	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
9	81,317	23	204,140	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
1	11,149	24	180,632	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
322	1,862,104	51	275,986	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
7	35,658	10	83,596	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
6	28,037	442	2,856,021	TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
38	269,500	7	43,557	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
2	21,165	14	73,355	TEXAS - TOTAL
1	5,698	20	90,878	UTAH
1,147	5,844,100	36	292,249	VIRGINIA
1,376	6,915,357	11	85,795	WEST VIRGINIA
				WYOMING
				OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
				GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN
				PACIFIC COAST
				TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1984
				TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1983

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Enclosed is the first issue of the newly revised monthly report on drilling activity. The changes to the format and content of the monthly and quarterly drilling reports were announced in a December 28, 1984 letter to subscribers.

Previous monthly drilling reports provided well and footage information based on the month in which the information was received by the API. These data also were shown by states and by subdivisions of states.

Beginning with this January 1985 report, well and footage data will be reported on the basis of the month and year in which the wells were completed, regardless of when the wells were finally reported to the API. These data will be shown for the total United States only. Statistics for the various states and areas will be reported in the quarterly reports.

Comparable statistics for this new series are available in the API publication "Well Completions and Footage Drilled in the United States, 1970 - 1982," which may be purchased from the API's Publication and Distribution Section, at \$6.00 per copy.

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Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

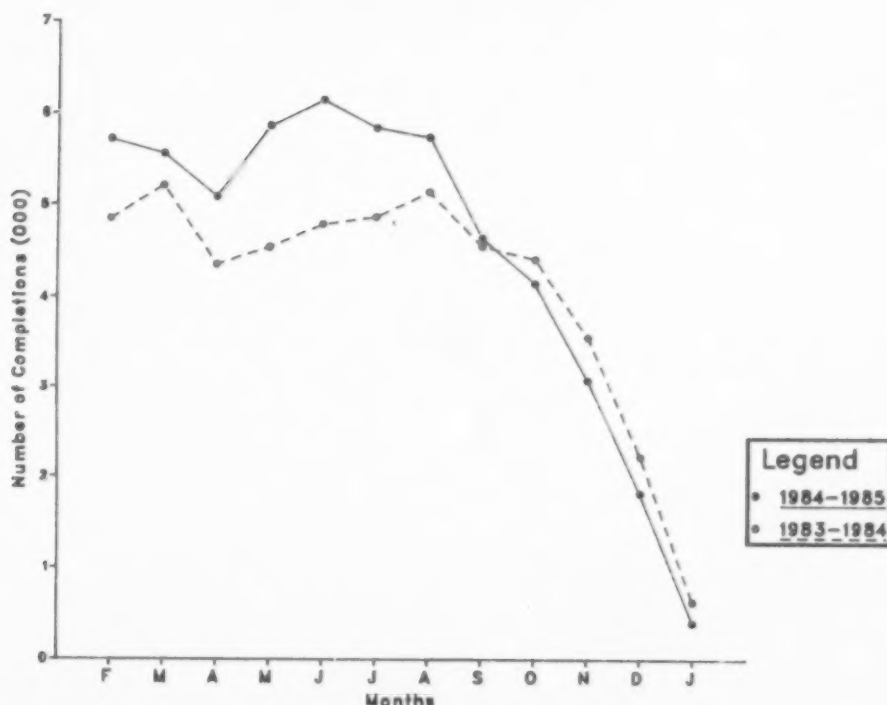


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 25, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	167	895,826	37	279,519	193	1,403,378	397	2,578,723	405	2,607,475
1985: JAN	167	895,826	37	279,519	193	1,403,378	397	2,578,723	405	2,607,475
TOTAL 1984	31,073	126,119,309	10,266	58,796,249	18,869	92,344,099	60,208	277,259,657	61,537	281,219,425
1984: DEC	1,004	4,450,182	196	1,315,829	615	3,522,527	1,815	9,288,538	1,869	9,466,117
NOV	1,738	7,122,501	417	2,511,767	916	4,699,947	3,071	14,334,215	3,148	14,583,229
OCT	2,204	9,506,530	623	3,677,787	1,324	6,330,458	4,151	19,514,775	4,280	19,931,779
SEP	2,422	9,856,387	728	4,096,480	1,497	7,116,241	4,647	21,069,108	4,729	21,324,184
AUG	2,805	10,996,490	925	5,311,797	2,014	9,381,531	5,744	25,689,818	5,865	26,088,060
JUL	3,013	11,814,151	909	5,467,986	1,922	8,948,273	5,844	26,230,410	5,950	26,561,312
JUN	3,039	11,740,936	1,109	6,017,867	1,997	9,223,680	6,145	26,982,483	6,252	27,301,794
MAY	3,042	12,343,810	1,089	6,152,232	1,736	8,589,037	5,867	27,085,079	5,993	27,423,275
APR	2,736	10,791,860	848	5,103,822	1,508	7,738,310	5,092	23,633,992	5,236	24,002,418
MAR	2,966	12,353,418	1,005	6,086,090	1,591	8,269,806	5,562	26,709,314	5,684	27,072,984
FEB	2,929	12,002,549	1,154	6,213,518	1,636	8,292,922	5,719	26,508,989	5,838	26,883,226
JAN	3,175	13,140,495	1,263	6,841,074	2,113	10,231,367	6,551	30,212,936	6,693	30,581,047
TOTAL 1983	34,935	131,048,140	13,597	73,296,277	22,278	99,812,136	70,810	304,156,553	72,648	308,566,680
1983: DEC	2,808	10,872,008	1,251	6,412,180	1,801	8,870,590	5,860	26,154,778	5,997	26,498,784
NOV	3,093	11,966,968	1,198	5,908,115	2,026	9,459,972	6,317	27,335,055	6,474	27,720,239
OCT	3,164	12,132,023	1,336	6,676,401	2,052	9,246,401	6,552	28,054,825	6,703	28,428,236
SEP	3,084	11,472,837	1,208	6,321,449	1,914	8,261,624	6,206	26,055,910	6,351	26,367,574
AUG	3,274	11,563,969	1,276	6,456,785	2,001	8,315,233	6,551	26,335,987	6,745	26,862,675
JUL	2,966	10,645,194	1,048	5,562,088	1,890	7,967,542	5,904	24,174,824	6,076	24,557,451
JUN	2,775	10,222,663	1,000	5,735,221	1,813	7,216,022	5,588	23,173,906	5,738	23,498,263
MAY	2,572	10,261,118	913	5,370,948	1,679	7,437,650	5,164	23,069,716	5,339	23,519,988
APR	2,500	9,702,149	853	5,152,786	1,521	7,037,777	4,874	21,892,712	4,992	22,168,433
MAR	2,824	10,910,414	1,050	6,015,868	1,801	8,404,841	5,675	25,331,123	5,835	25,659,863
FEB	2,505	9,595,593	1,068	6,000,003	1,695	7,759,959	5,268	23,355,555	5,386	23,657,868
JAN	3,370	11,703,204	1,396	7,684,433	2,085	9,834,525	6,851	29,222,162	7,012	29,627,306
TOTAL 1982	37,987	145,783,645	18,309	103,467,960	25,196	120,162,647	81,492	369,414,252	83,675	374,619,195
TOTAL 1981	42,614	168,930,178	19,791	105,970,534	27,030	132,231,537	89,435	407,132,249	91,805	412,932,720

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 25, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	10	65,477	3	27,175	90	624,494	103	717,146
1985: JAN	10	65,477	3	27,175	90	624,494	103	717,146
TOTAL 1984	1,760	9,767,934	968	6,281,323	8,581	46,086,438	11,309	62,135,695
1984: DEC	42	253,447	9	53,829	288	1,850,424	339	2,157,700
NOV	81	448,107	23	157,555	401	2,305,129	505	2,910,791
OCT	98	502,205	50	327,991	635	3,148,903	783	3,979,099
SEP	155	909,428	59	378,077	679	3,498,247	893	4,785,752
AUG	143	785,608	67	489,143	876	4,666,198	1,086	5,940,949
JUL	148	771,956	100	703,502	909	4,565,580	1,157	6,041,038
JUN	162	893,205	95	578,277	958	4,768,676	1,215	6,240,158
MAY	192	1,086,590	111	709,570	761	4,250,872	1,064	6,047,032
APR	138	841,225	82	554,094	691	3,818,805	911	5,214,124
MAR	204	1,142,726	126	855,680	689	3,962,569	1,019	5,960,975
FEB	197	1,054,040	129	762,798	756	4,233,301	1,072	6,050,139
JAN	210	1,079,397	117	710,807	938	5,017,734	1,265	6,807,938
TOTAL 1983	2,040	10,308,090	1,563	9,917,065	9,662	47,392,280	13,265	67,617,435
1983: DEC	145	730,180	109	697,424	781	4,126,479	1,035	5,554,083
NOV	161	804,617	104	651,807	896	4,397,716	1,161	5,854,140
OCT	196	1,036,753	131	796,804	885	4,352,834	1,212	6,186,391
SEP	167	843,355	124	759,344	863	3,979,036	1,154	5,581,735
AUG	178	779,076	130	773,943	845	3,763,269	1,153	5,316,288
JUL	174	812,236	125	713,077	814	3,631,921	1,113	5,157,234
JUN	160	793,376	119	821,219	812	3,489,803	1,091	5,104,398
MAY	154	902,570	145	965,026	757	3,741,739	1,056	5,609,335
APR	172	856,144	125	835,045	626	3,293,645	923	4,984,834
MAR	172	915,879	147	878,954	757	4,054,339	1,076	5,849,172
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	697	3,697,970	1,013	5,597,870
JAN	190	906,966	159	1,051,460	929	4,863,529	1,278	6,821,955
TOTAL 1982	2,453	13,366,349	2,123	14,538,519	11,088	59,841,968	15,664	87,746,836
TOTAL 1981	2,662	15,422,683	2,526	17,014,415	12,252	68,685,079	17,440	101,122,177

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING JANUARY 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	167	895,826	37	279,519	193	1,403,378	397	2,578,723	405	2,607,475
1985: JAN	167	895,826	37	279,519	193	1,403,378	397	2,578,723	405	2,607,475
TOTAL 1984	2,125	8,458,999	930	4,951,665	11,159	5,396,407	4,214	18,807,071	4,325	19,202,710
1984: DEC	726	3,418,967	164	1,103,215	375	2,124,064	1,265	6,646,246	1,299	6,771,324
NOV	522	2,260,972	187	1,148,366	320	1,528,939	1,029	4,938,277	1,046	5,019,403
OCT	253	1,110,735	133	745,882	167	699,652	553	2,556,269	567	2,623,072
SEP	176	620,545	100	472,277	68	271,654	344	1,364,476	351	1,380,090
AUG	98	234,887	91	483,137	62	213,516	251	931,540	267	1,005,513
JUL	79	216,362	65	319,495	48	147,831	192	683,688	194	692,858
JUN	75	216,204	67	261,433	43	131,555	185	609,192	192	622,891
MAY	52	163,173	36	137,252	20	94,808	108	395,233	109	396,573
APR	56	61,490	15	31,983	20	67,812	91	161,285	92	161,986
MAR	29	72,273	32	111,928	5	7,424	66	191,625	68	194,437
FEB	27	28,639	24	78,011	11	39,673	62	146,323	62	146,323
JAN	32	54,752	16	58,686	20	69,479	68	182,917	78	188,240
TOTAL 1983	112	266,302	71	239,701	89	161,711	272	667,714	289	685,335
1983: DEC	17	38,255	16	63,197	13	25,703	46	127,155	49	129,143
NOV	15	54,426	15	47,498	15	21,857	45	123,781	49	128,963
OCT	15	45,826	11	29,707	15	47,195	41	122,728	41	122,728
SEP	7	22,255	10	33,566	9	8,647	26	64,468	26	64,468
AUG	22	34,626	9	28,719	19	31,765	50	95,110	55	97,108
JUL	11	20,275	1	11,018	3	7,077	15	38,370	16	42,150
JUN	8	21,863	3	7,142	2	2,831	13	31,836	16	33,072
MAY	4	10,179	1	1,785	2	3,194	7	15,158	7	15,158
APR	3	5,164	1	3,500	4	4,923	8	13,587	8	13,587
MAR	2	1,334	2	7,904	4	5,360	8	14,598	8	14,598
FEB	6	7,529	1	785	2	1,559	9	9,873	10	13,310
JAN	2	4,570	1	4,880	1	1,600	4	11,050	4	11,050
TOTAL 1982	18	49,980	14	52,865	19	44,902	51	147,747	51	147,747
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	17	43,226	4	8,245	17	46,350	38	97,821	38	97,821
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	2,439	9,714,333	1,056	5,531,995	1,477	7,052,748	4,972	22,299,076	5,108	22,741,088

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of January 25, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period December 29, 1984 through January 25, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

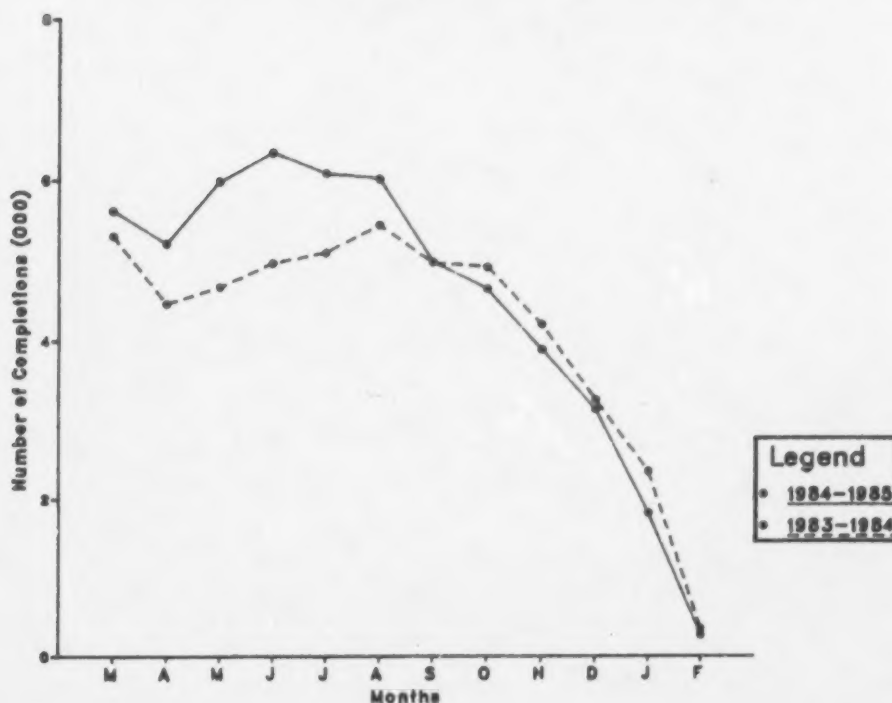


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,031	4,915,698	284	1,795,551	777	4,810,766	2,092	11,522,015	2,161	11,746,920
1985: FEB	64	354,772	40	297,385	159	1,157,664	263	1,809,821	290	1,882,164
JAN	967	4,560,926	244	1,498,166	618	3,653,102	1,829	9,712,194	1,871	9,864,764
TOTAL 1984	33,197	133,355,917	11,095	63,132,851	20,029	98,108,708	64,321	294,597,476	65,705	298,729,473
1984: DEC	1,723	7,161,125	406	2,531,392	1,012	5,507,711	3,141	15,200,228	3,209	15,437,079
NOV	2,136	8,483,461	578	3,393,439	1,181	6,078,953	3,895	17,955,853	3,980	18,232,574
OCT	2,457	10,504,342	715	4,217,055	1,482	7,107,107	4,654	21,828,504	4,788	22,271,458
SEP	2,586	10,292,322	804	4,487,260	1,599	7,679,269	4,989	22,458,851	5,077	22,729,752
AUG	2,937	11,391,149	1,017	5,763,531	2,067	9,611,046	6,021	26,765,726	6,145	27,170,855
JUL	3,140	12,273,936	977	5,730,360	1,970	9,202,007	6,087	27,206,303	6,195	27,555,712
JUN	3,138	12,032,951	1,161	6,289,353	2,040	9,438,434	6,339	27,760,738	6,447	28,089,313
MAY	3,106	12,512,570	1,122	6,305,772	1,757	8,684,242	5,985	27,502,584	6,112	27,845,987
APR	2,817	10,921,096	863	5,159,943	1,532	7,851,877	5,212	23,932,916	5,356	24,301,342
MAR	2,999	12,462,723	1,011	6,119,954	1,606	8,307,837	5,616	26,890,314	5,738	27,253,984
FEB	2,964	12,126,971	1,167	6,260,278	1,658	8,365,592	5,789	26,752,841	5,923	27,130,688
JAN	3,194	13,193,271	1,274	6,874,514	2,125	10,274,833	6,593	30,342,618	6,735	30,710,729
TOTAL 1983	35,042	131,334,886	13,640	73,461,590	22,345	99,981,919	71,027	304,778,395	72,879	309,213,931
1983: DEC	2,832	10,936,085	1,256	6,435,805	1,808	8,888,430	5,896	26,260,320	6,034	26,604,806
NOV	3,101	11,992,972	1,207	5,948,489	2,038	9,489,863	6,346	27,431,324	6,506	27,820,173
OCT	3,174	12,162,864	1,338	6,680,081	2,063	9,264,290	6,575	28,107,235	6,728	28,483,270
SEP	3,098	11,510,817	1,212	6,333,731	1,920	8,273,610	6,230	26,118,158	6,376	26,435,748
AUG	3,266	11,588,015	1,281	6,473,046	2,009	8,333,318	6,576	26,394,379	6,771	26,921,794
JUL	2,977	10,691,628	1,051	5,570,296	1,894	7,983,177	5,922	24,245,101	6,095	24,633,105
JUN	2,779	10,227,323	1,002	5,740,352	1,817	7,232,471	5,598	23,200,146	5,750	23,526,025
MAY	2,581	10,286,446	920	5,406,121	1,685	7,449,856	5,186	23,142,423	5,363	23,594,267
APR	2,504	9,708,061	855	5,156,541	1,522	7,051,077	4,881	21,915,679	4,999	22,191,400
MAR	2,830	10,917,692	1,050	6,015,868	1,805	8,411,955	5,685	25,345,515	5,846	25,677,771
FEB	2,507	9,602,206	1,069	6,001,968	1,696	7,760,629	5,272	23,364,803	5,390	23,667,116
JAN	3,373	11,710,777	1,399	7,699,292	2,088	9,843,243	6,860	29,253,312	7,021	29,658,456
TOTAL 1982	38,009	145,847,824	18,334	103,557,601	25,229	120,295,852	81,572	369,701,277	83,755	374,906,220
TOTAL 1981	42,622	168,945,535	19,794	105,980,769	27,049	132,271,548	89,465	407,197,852	91,835	412,998,323

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	50	312,234	23	172,964	361	2,334,608	434	2,819,806
1985: FEB	3	38,096	4	50,417	77	603,880	84	692,393
JAN	47	274,138	19	122,547	284	1,730,728	350	2,127,413
TOTAL 1984	1,857	10,265,864	1,036	6,702,534	9,116	49,289,709	12,009	66,258,107
1984: DEC	61	369,904	20	129,608	462	2,909,738	543	3,409,250
NOV	93	502,060	35	230,461	535	3,091,018	663	3,823,539
OCT	114	564,303	67	429,458	714	3,593,728	895	4,587,489
SEP	164	951,411	68	451,454	725	3,807,440	957	5,210,305
AUG	149	811,233	75	543,875	897	4,779,449	1,121	6,134,557
JUL	161	856,788	102	710,308	935	4,743,773	1,198	6,310,869
JUN	167	938,305	99	593,468	979	4,917,870	1,245	6,449,643
MAY	197	1,103,603	112	717,090	772	4,296,241	1,081	6,116,934
APR	142	857,183	82	554,094	700	3,873,325	924	5,284,602
MAR	205	1,144,231	126	855,680	693	3,978,632	1,024	5,978,543
FEB	189	1,066,524	132	775,085	765	4,280,461	1,086	6,122,070
JAN	215	1,100,319	118	711,953	939	5,018,034	1,272	6,830,306
TOTAL 1983	2,046	10,315,207	1,572	9,935,852	9,686	47,454,381	13,304	67,705,440
1983: DEC	146	731,118	110	700,522	782	4,127,154	1,038	5,558,794
NOV	162	805,056	106	658,592	901	4,407,759	1,169	5,871,407
OCT	196	1,036,753	131	796,804	889	4,359,096	1,216	6,192,653
SEP	167	843,355	125	760,709	866	3,981,536	1,158	5,585,600
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	847	3,769,001	1,157	5,324,263
JUL	176	815,441	125	713,077	815	3,639,371	1,116	5,167,889
JUN	160	793,376	120	822,219	815	3,505,817	1,095	5,121,412
MAY	155	903,570	147	969,052	761	3,750,749	1,063	5,623,371
APR	172	856,144	126	836,850	626	3,293,645	924	4,986,639
MAR	172	915,879	147	878,954	758	4,058,754	1,077	5,853,587
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	697	3,697,970	1,013	5,597,870
JAN	190	906,966	159	1,051,460	929	4,863,529	1,278	6,821,955
TOTAL 1982	2,454	13,376,033	2,125	14,542,201	11,097	59,884,656	15,676	87,802,890
TOTAL 1981	2,662	15,422,683	2,526	17,014,415	12,255	68,692,738	17,443	101,129,836

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING FEBRUARY 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	863	4,018,572	247	1,516,032	583	3,403,088	1,693	8,937,692	1,754	9,133,853
1985: FEB	64	354,772	40	297,385	159	1,157,664	263	1,809,821	290	1,882,164
JAN	799	3,663,800	207	1,218,647	424	2,245,424	1,430	7,127,871	1,464	7,251,689
TOTAL 1984	2,121	7,223,307	829	4,336,602	1,159	5,754,609	4,109	17,314,518	4,164	17,486,747
1984: DEC	718	2,709,875	210	1,215,563	397	1,985,184	1,325	5,910,622	1,339	5,969,894
NOV	397	1,354,387	161	881,672	265	1,379,006	823	3,615,065	831	3,642,772
OCT	252	992,152	92	539,268	157	766,649	501	2,298,069	506	2,324,019
SEP	164	435,935	76	390,780	102	563,028	342	1,389,743	348	1,405,568
AUG	132	394,659	92	451,734	53	229,515	277	1,075,908	280	1,082,795
JUL	127	459,785	68	262,374	48	253,734	243	975,893	245	994,400
JUN	99	292,015	52	271,486	43	214,754	194	778,255	195	787,519
MAY	64	168,760	33	153,540	21	95,205	118	417,505	119	422,712
APR	81	129,236	15	56,121	24	113,567	120	298,924	120	298,924
MAR	33	109,305	6	33,864	15	37,831	54	181,000	54	181,000
FEB	35	124,422	13	46,760	22	72,670	70	243,852	85	247,462
JAN	19	52,776	11	33,440	12	43,466	42	129,682	42	129,682
TOTAL 1983	107	286,746	43	165,313	67	169,783	217	621,842	231	647,251
1983: DEC	24	64,077	5	23,625	7	17,840	36	105,542	37	106,022
NOV	8	26,004	9	40,374	12	29,891	29	96,269	32	99,934
OCT	10	30,841	2	3,680	11	17,889	23	52,410	25	55,034
SEP	14	37,980	4	12,282	6	11,986	24	62,248	25	68,174
AUG	12	24,046	5	16,261	8	18,085	25	58,392	26	59,119
JUL	11	46,434	3	8,208	4	15,635	18	70,277	19	75,654
JUN	4	4,660	2	5,131	4	16,449	10	26,240	12	27,762
MAY	9	25,328	7	35,173	6	12,206	22	72,707	24	74,279
APR	4	5,912	2	3,755	1	13,300	7	22,967	7	22,967
MAR	6	7,278	0	0	4	7,114	10	14,392	11	17,908
FEB	2	6,613	1	1,965	1	670	4	9,248	4	9,248
JAN	3	7,573	3	14,859	3	8,718	9	31,150	9	31,150
TOTAL 1982	22	64,179	25	89,641	33	133,205	80	287,025	80	287,025
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	17	29,993	7	22,499	27	51,835	51	104,327	52	106,827
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,130	11,622,797	1,151	6,130,087	1,869	9,512,520	6,150	27,265,404	6,281	27,661,703

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3. See footnote (3) above.
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Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

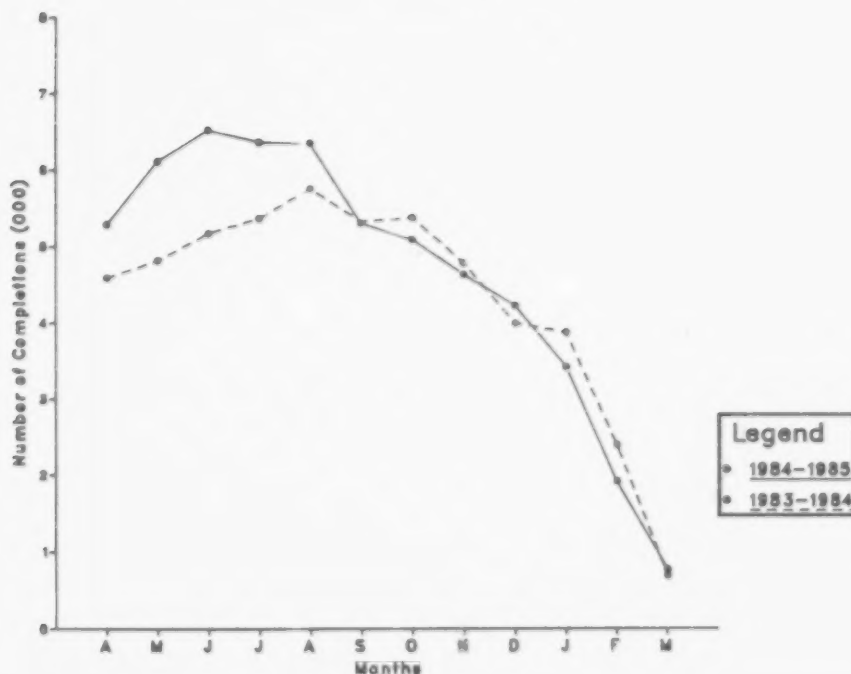


TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MARCH 29, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	3,050	14,344,010	844	5,416,307	2,187	11,859,105	6,081	31,619,422	6,253	32,230,312
1985: MAR	308	1,591,693	47	374,552	409	1,931,309	764	3,897,554	787	3,945,353
FEB	1,017	4,991,357	285	1,900,254	608	3,426,998	1,910	10,318,609	1,974	10,506,272
JAN	1,725	7,760,960	512	3,141,501	1,170	6,500,798	3,407	17,403,259	3,492	17,778,687
TOTAL 1984	34,871	139,477,726	11,861	66,889,688	21,361	104,126,027	68,093	310,493,441	69,614	314,902,847
1984: DEC	2,183	8,850,278	578	3,461,653	1,454	7,661,601	4,215	19,973,532	4,309	20,278,625
NOV	2,460	9,898,864	698	3,972,675	1,471	7,438,099	4,629	21,309,638	4,726	21,619,663
OCT	2,657	11,389,146	793	4,624,158	1,642	7,860,696	5,092	23,874,000	5,242	24,366,734
SEP	2,727	10,732,274	859	4,817,664	1,724	8,219,334	5,310	23,769,272	5,402	24,047,922
AUG	3,073	11,852,478	1,133	6,272,244	2,146	9,941,537	6,352	28,066,259	6,485	28,499,690
JUL	3,244	12,542,751	1,088	6,218,276	2,031	9,426,270	6,363	28,287,297	6,487	28,668,323
JUN	3,231	12,260,820	1,213	6,495,093	2,076	9,579,102	6,520	28,335,015	6,653	28,705,283
MAY	3,180	12,734,236	1,146	6,424,872	1,789	8,832,242	6,115	27,991,350	6,249	28,342,663
APR	2,860	11,064,123	872	5,205,307	1,558	7,912,359	5,290	24,181,789	5,435	24,551,499
MAR	3,040	12,583,614	1,023	6,185,503	1,633	8,403,254	5,696	27,172,371	5,836	27,540,080
FEB	2,995	12,208,939	1,179	6,313,447	1,685	8,469,882	5,859	26,992,268	5,994	27,371,250
JAN	3,221	13,260,203	1,279	6,898,796	2,152	10,381,651	6,652	30,540,650	6,796	30,911,115
TOTAL 1983	35,230	131,810,560	13,699	73,668,333	22,466	100,320,586	71,395	305,799,479	73,297	310,298,037
1983: DEC	2,860	11,024,965	1,264	6,455,714	1,829	8,959,115	5,953	26,439,794	6,093	26,793,061
NOV	3,123	12,069,945	1,219	5,999,344	2,050	9,536,393	6,392	27,605,682	6,553	27,997,151
OCT	3,189	12,210,086	1,348	6,706,737	2,094	9,348,015	6,631	28,264,838	6,790	28,647,840
SEP	3,130	11,570,492	1,218	6,350,974	1,932	8,296,266	6,280	26,217,732	6,437	26,544,063
AUG	3,294	11,608,781	1,285	6,493,183	2,018	8,350,508	6,597	26,452,472	6,807	26,999,978
JUL	2,987	10,716,232	1,057	5,587,800	1,902	8,001,144	5,946	24,305,176	6,120	24,693,680
JUN	2,807	10,276,746	1,006	5,752,191	1,826	7,253,017	5,639	23,281,954	5,801	23,614,166
MAY	2,594	10,305,546	919	5,398,366	1,687	7,451,465	5,200	23,155,377	5,379	23,610,637
APR	2,511	9,729,308	858	5,165,778	1,525	7,063,826	4,894	21,958,912	5,012	22,234,633
MAR	2,838	10,942,649	1,052	6,025,173	1,809	8,424,257	5,699	25,392,079	5,860	25,724,335
FEB	2,512	9,609,944	1,070	6,005,448	1,701	7,772,074	5,283	23,387,466	5,402	23,694,232
JAN	3,385	11,745,866	1,403	7,727,625	2,093	9,864,506	6,881	29,337,997	7,043	29,744,261
TOTAL 1982	38,063	145,966,117	18,363	103,664,574	25,267	120,396,978	81,693	370,027,669	83,881	375,244,306
TOTAL 1981	42,647	168,990,137	19,796	105,983,589	27,064	132,305,479	89,507	407,279,205	91,877	413,079,676

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MARCH 29, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	179	1,133,975	68	436,663	988	5,857,120	1,235	7,427,758
1985: MAR	13	82,748	3	13,516	139	771,900	155	868,164
FEB	75	495,491	18	124,194	284	1,735,422	377	2,355,107
JAN	91	555,736	47	298,953	565	3,349,798	703	4,204,487
TOTAL 1984	1,985	10,880,039	1,107	7,162,998	9,745	52,455,646	12,837	70,498,683
1984: DEC	82	480,832	34	214,409	689	4,071,164	805	4,766,405
NOV	124	665,705	43	264,705	680	3,805,698	847	4,736,108
OCT	129	643,998	76	496,828	796	4,032,760	1,001	5,173,586
SEP	174	997,613	75	511,455	783	4,070,510	1,032	5,579,578
AUG	159	851,025	79	572,411	934	4,977,187	1,172	6,400,623
JUL	176	933,663	113	778,220	962	4,853,342	1,251	6,565,225
JUN	176	972,026	106	636,548	989	4,985,677	1,271	6,594,251
MAY	202	1,118,211	117	739,485	785	4,359,725	1,104	6,217,421
APR	145	873,542	84	569,114	708	3,898,704	937	5,341,360
MAR	207	1,152,932	128	881,670	698	4,019,464	1,033	6,054,066
FEB	193	1,081,723	134	786,200	775	4,329,426	1,102	6,197,349
JAN	218	1,108,769	118	711,953	946	5,051,989	1,282	6,872,711
TOTAL 1983	2,058	10,360,682	1,579	9,941,350	9,726	47,552,763	13,363	67,854,795
1983: DEC	146	731,118	114	707,473	790	4,165,011	1,050	5,603,602
NOV	163	816,706	106	658,592	906	4,421,904	1,175	5,897,202
OCT	198	1,042,173	130	790,004	893	4,371,419	1,221	6,203,596
SEP	169	846,555	126	762,564	870	3,983,626	1,165	5,592,745
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	852	3,775,757	1,162	5,331,019
JUL	178	820,697	125	713,077	818	3,644,764	1,121	5,178,538
JUN	161	795,056	122	825,074	821	3,515,889	1,104	5,136,019
MAY	155	903,570	147	969,052	762	3,751,749	1,064	5,624,371
APR	172	856,144	127	837,487	626	3,293,645	925	4,987,276
MAR	173	917,750	147	878,954	759	4,059,519	1,079	5,856,223
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	698	3,698,423	1,014	5,598,323
JAN	193	923,364	159	1,051,460	931	4,871,057	1,283	6,845,881
TOTAL 1982	2,456	13,389,160	2,126	14,543,451	11,101	59,890,480	15,683	87,823,091
TOTAL 1981	2,664	15,425,086	2,526	17,011,744	12,258	68,705,643	17,448	101,142,473

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING MARCH 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,019	9,428,312	560	3,620,756	1,411	7,056,789	3,990	20,105,857	4,093	20,491,834
1985: MAR	308	1,591,693	47	374,552	409	1,931,309	764	3,897,554	787	3,945,353
FEB	953	4,636,585	245	1,602,869	449	2,269,334	1,647	8,508,788	1,684	8,624,108
JAN	758	3,200,034	268	1,643,335	553	2,856,146	1,579	7,699,515	1,622	7,922,373
TOTAL 1984	1,672	6,111,573	767	3,754,124	1,331	5,999,158	3,770	15,864,855	3,905	16,139,218
1984: DEC	460	1,689,153	172	930,261	441	2,145,440	1,073	4,764,854	1,099	4,833,096
NOV	324	1,415,403	120	579,236	290	1,348,388	734	3,343,027	746	3,376,331
OCT	200	884,504	78	407,103	158	740,613	436	2,032,220	452	2,082,000
SEP	141	439,952	55	318,871	124	535,046	320	1,293,871	324	1,301,620
AUG	136	461,338	116	508,713	80	333,041	332	1,303,092	340	1,328,794
JUL	104	368,815	111	487,916	62	239,738	277	1,096,469	293	1,128,086
JUN	93	227,869	52	205,665	36	140,633	181	574,167	206	615,860
MAY	74	221,666	24	119,100	32	148,000	130	488,766	137	496,676
APR	43	143,027	10	48,916	26	60,482	79	252,425	80	253,709
MAR	40	111,996	12	70,892	27	95,617	79	278,505	96	282,098
FEB	31	81,968	12	53,169	27	104,290	70	239,427	71	240,562
JAN	26	65,882	5	24,282	28	107,868	59	198,032	61	200,386
TOTAL 1983	188	462,521	60	214,498	121	341,268	369	1,018,287	419	1,081,309
1983: DEC	28	88,880	8	19,909	21	70,685	57	179,474	59	188,255
NOV	23	77,643	12	50,855	11	45,860	46	174,358	47	176,978
OCT	15	47,222	10	26,656	31	83,725	56	157,603	62	164,570
SEP	32	59,675	6	17,243	12	22,656	50	99,574	61	108,315
AUG	8	20,766	4	20,137	9	17,190	21	58,093	36	78,184
JUL	9	21,333	6	17,504	9	21,238	24	60,075	25	60,575
JUN	28	49,423	4	11,839	9	20,546	41	81,808	51	88,141
MAY	13	19,100	0	0	2	1,609	15	20,799	17	24,125
APR	8	24,119	3	9,237	3	12,749	14	46,105	14	46,105
MAR	8	24,957	2	9,305	4	12,302	14	46,564	14	46,564
FEB	5	7,738	1	3,480	5	11,445	11	22,663	12	27,116
JAN	11	21,665	4	28,333	5	21,263	20	71,261	21	72,381
TOTAL 1992	55	119,257	29	106,973	38	101,125	122	327,355	127	339,049
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	31	53,138	6	14,912	20	39,718	57	107,768	57	107,768
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,965	16,174,801	1,422	7,711,263	2,921	13,538,058	8,308	37,424,122	8,601	38,159,178

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Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
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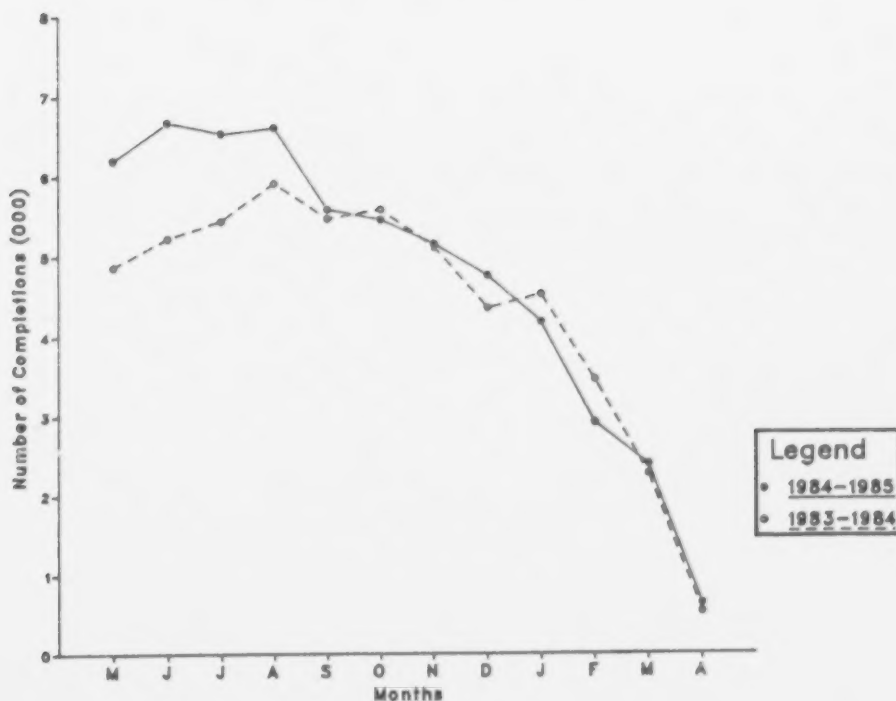


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 30, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	5,060	23,913,690	1,580	9,802,160	3,471	18,736,179	10,111	52,452,029	10,390	53,394,921
1985: APR	236	1,281,402	49	469,178	346	1,920,278	631	3,670,858	655	3,709,859
MAR	1,243	6,101,652	293	1,914,421	855	4,231,920	2,391	12,247,993	2,457	12,443,050
FEB	1,513	7,181,698	524	3,242,462	877	4,751,565	2,914	15,175,725	2,997	15,422,939
JAN	2,068	9,348,938	714	4,176,099	1,393	7,832,416	4,175	21,357,453	4,281	21,819,073
TOTAL 1984	36,091	143,858,095	12,661	70,741,272	21,924	106,931,256	70,676	321,530,623	72,291	326,143,479
1984: DEC	2,412	9,815,536	748	4,299,846	1,597	8,494,947	4,757	22,610,329	4,865	22,957,453
NOV	2,727	10,892,080	851	4,647,440	1,575	7,994,107	5,153	23,533,627	5,263	23,881,449
OCT	2,835	11,991,716	903	5,193,717	1,720	8,350,977	5,458	25,536,410	5,615	26,038,454
SEP	2,861	11,215,453	943	5,254,270	1,784	8,562,912	5,588	25,032,635	5,687	25,319,159
AUG	3,181	12,186,155	1,238	6,720,876	2,189	10,121,957	6,608	29,028,988	6,750	29,474,712
JUL	3,323	12,983,956	1,154	6,544,559	2,062	9,499,417	6,539	29,027,932	6,671	29,439,954
JUN	3,300	12,485,484	1,268	6,732,507	2,105	9,668,019	6,673	28,886,010	6,815	29,280,108
MAY	3,235	12,859,108	1,165	6,514,978	1,802	8,872,593	6,202	28,246,679	6,338	28,603,242
APR	2,888	11,145,934	886	5,279,459	1,579	7,973,481	5,353	24,398,874	5,514	24,784,179
MAR	3,064	12,652,585	1,033	6,263,039	1,653	8,463,861	5,750	27,379,485	5,894	27,753,207
FEB	3,016	12,274,933	1,186	6,347,928	1,692	8,495,474	5,894	27,118,335	6,031	27,500,588
JAN	3,249	13,355,155	1,286	6,942,653	2,166	10,433,511	6,701	30,731,319	6,848	31,110,976
TOTAL 1983	35,378	132,139,343	13,737	73,800,162	22,561	100,587,278	71,676	306,526,783	73,601	311,061,575
1983: DEC	2,883	11,078,109	1,265	6,458,770	1,846	9,011,875	5,994	26,548,754	6,134	26,902,021
NOV	3,141	12,128,807	1,223	6,016,289	2,062	9,583,336	6,426	27,728,432	6,588	28,124,445
OCT	3,209	12,247,873	1,353	6,718,345	2,108	9,389,414	6,670	28,355,632	6,832	28,744,935
SEP	3,147	11,595,051	1,223	6,365,695	1,941	8,316,472	6,311	26,277,218	6,479	26,618,460
AUG	3,308	11,643,104	1,286	6,494,183	2,028	8,385,068	6,622	26,522,355	6,839	27,079,838
JUL	2,995	10,744,436	1,063	5,593,922	1,916	8,036,113	5,974	24,374,471	6,148	24,762,975
JUN	2,818	10,288,682	1,013	5,785,330	1,829	7,257,181	5,660	23,331,193	5,823	23,663,906
MAY	2,601	10,311,452	921	5,419,518	1,691	7,460,616	5,213	23,191,586	5,392	23,646,846
APR	2,526	9,766,105	861	5,172,243	1,528	7,067,991	4,915	22,006,339	5,033	22,282,060
MAR	2,845	10,973,408	1,054	6,038,788	1,812	8,430,062	5,711	25,442,258	5,872	25,774,514
FEB	2,515	9,612,682	1,072	6,009,454	1,702	7,774,324	5,289	23,396,460	5,408	23,703,226
JAN	3,390	11,749,634	1,403	7,727,825	2,098	9,874,826	6,891	29,352,085	7,053	29,758,349
TOTAL 1982	38,109	146,069,639	18,381	103,746,206	25,291	120,532,862	81,781	370,348,707	83,981	375,575,650
TOTAL 1981	42,660	169,021,615	19,813	106,083,894	27,082	132,370,907	89,555	407,476,416	91,925	413,276,887

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 30, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	305	1,918,475	128	833,096	1,556	9,335,258	1,989	12,086,829
1985: APR	7	45,784	4	51,352	122	906,833	133	1,003,969
MAR	65	424,597	17	117,343	342	1,905,152	424	2,447,092
FEB	107	687,682	38	228,001	411	2,402,406	556	3,318,089
JAN	126	760,412	69	436,400	581	4,120,867	876	5,317,679
TOTAL 1984	2,075	11,341,519	1,182	7,652,280	10,022	54,049,730	13,279	73,043,529
1984: DEC	107	586,573	47	278,274	771	4,600,273	925	5,465,120
NOV	142	771,819	55	342,074	730	4,099,377	927	5,213,270
OCT	141	691,271	90	590,480	842	4,313,882	1,073	5,595,633
SEP	190	1,090,570	85	580,980	813	4,261,809	1,088	5,933,359
AUG	164	880,762	82	590,383	949	5,065,199	1,195	6,536,344
JUL	178	949,777	119	825,594	979	4,903,794	1,276	6,681,165
JUN	181	1,001,101	114	684,826	997	5,016,471	1,292	6,702,398
MAY	203	1,122,011	117	739,485	788	4,371,766	1,108	6,233,262
APR	146	876,785	87	585,171	711	3,919,078	944	5,381,034
MAR	209	1,158,022	131	907,785	710	4,067,057	1,050	6,132,864
FEB	194	1,090,958	135	792,740	778	4,342,728	1,107	6,226,426
JAN	220	1,121,870	120	734,488	954	5,086,296	1,294	6,942,654
TOTAL 1983	2,061	10,383,278	1,583	9,969,581	9,751	47,635,355	13,395	67,988,214
1983: DEC	147	737,062	114	707,473	793	4,178,321	1,054	5,622,856
NOV	163	816,706	107	662,213	909	4,438,252	1,179	5,917,171
OCT	198	1,042,173	130	790,004	899	4,389,151	1,227	6,221,328
SEP	169	846,555	127	771,033	872	3,989,221	1,168	5,606,809
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	856	3,792,019	1,166	5,347,281
JUL	178	820,697	125	713,077	819	3,645,329	1,122	5,179,103
JUN	162	795,908	123	828,013	821	3,515,889	1,106	5,139,810
MAY	155	903,570	148	982,254	762	3,751,749	1,065	5,637,573
APR	172	856,144	127	837,487	627	3,296,400	926	4,990,031
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	762	4,065,324	1,083	5,877,828
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	698	3,698,423	1,014	5,598,323
JAN	193	923,364	159	1,051,460	933	4,875,277	1,285	6,850,101
TOTAL 1982	2,456	13,389,160	2,128	14,554,908	11,106	59,927,797	15,690	87,871,865
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,527	17,016,432	12,263	68,734,700	17,455	101,180,488

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING APRIL 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,006	9,556,822	733	4,363,531	1,279	6,847,713	4,018	20,768,046	4,122	21,094,913
1985: APR	236	1,281,402	49	469,178	346	1,920,278	631	3,670,858	655	3,709,859
MAR	935	4,509,959	246	1,539,869	445	2,285,611	1,626	8,335,439	1,668	8,480,235
FEB	493	2,180,413	239	1,340,508	268	1,324,309	1,000	4,845,230	1,018	4,904,671
JAN	342	1,585,028	199	1,013,976	220	1,317,515	761	3,916,519	781	4,000,148
TOTAL 1984	1,214	4,366,136	803	3,912,951	561	2,802,384	2,578	11,081,471	2,672	11,287,604
1984: DEC	229	965,130	170	838,193	141	829,402	540	2,632,725	554	2,674,756
NOV	268	1,000,756	154	680,359	104	556,008	526	2,237,123	539	2,274,920
OCT	175	593,903	110	569,559	78	489,126	363	1,652,588	370	1,661,898
SEP	133	479,843	85	444,406	61	346,914	279	1,271,162	286	1,279,037
AUG	107	329,927	105	448,632	43	180,420	255	958,979	265	975,022
JUL	78	340,205	66	326,283	30	71,493	174	737,981	182	768,977
JUN	69	224,664	56	285,387	28	84,867	153	594,918	162	618,748
MAY	54	120,250	19	90,106	14	44,973	87	255,329	89	260,579
APR	28	81,811	14	74,152	21	61,122	63	217,085	78	231,613
MAR	24	68,971	10	77,536	20	60,607	54	207,114	58	213,127
FEB	21	65,994	7	34,481	7	25,592	35	126,067	37	129,336
JAN	28	94,682	7	43,857	14	51,860	49	190,399	52	199,591
TOTAL 1983	148	328,783	38	131,829	93	262,157	279	722,769	302	759,003
1983: DEC	23	53,144	1	3,056	17	52,760	41	108,960	41	108,960
NOV	18	58,862	4	16,945	11	42,973	33	118,780	34	123,324
OCT	20	37,787	5	11,608	14	41,399	39	90,794	42	97,095
SEP	17	24,559	5	14,721	9	20,206	31	59,486	42	74,397
AUG	14	34,323	1	1,000	10	34,560	25	69,883	32	79,860
JUL	8	28,204	6	6,122	13	34,404	27	68,730	27	68,730
JUN	11	11,936	7	33,139	3	4,164	21	49,239	22	49,740
MAY	7	5,906	2	21,152	4	9,151	13	36,209	13	36,209
APR	15	36,797	3	6,465	3	4,165	21	47,427	21	47,427
MAR	7	30,759	2	13,615	3	5,805	12	50,179	12	50,179
FEB	3	2,738	2	4,006	1	2,250	6	8,994	6	8,994
JAN	5	3,768	0	0	5	10,320	10	14,088	10	14,088
TOTAL 1982	46	103,522	18	81,632	25	140,837	89	325,991	101	336,297
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	17	37,382	23	138,556	22	67,939	62	243,877	62	243,877
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,431	14,392,625	1,615	8,628,499	1,980	10,121,030	7,026	33,142,154	7,259	33,721,694

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of April 30, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period March 30, 1985 through April 30, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.



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Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

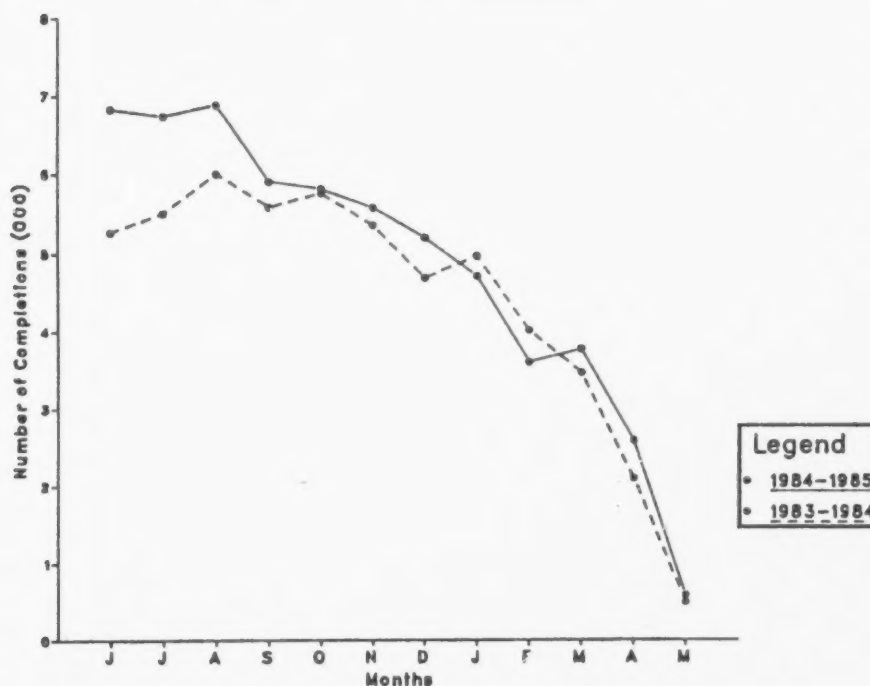


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 31, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS ⁴	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	7,849	35,713,550	2,532	15,563,327	4,877	26,206,420	15,258	77,483,297	15,668	78,911,722
1985: MAY	272	1,439,465	50	403,822	254	1,562,299	586	3,405,586	618	3,516,986
APR	1,413	6,340,601	326	2,092,041	848	4,390,786	2,587	12,823,428	2,648	12,991,190
MAR	2,000	8,916,657	590	3,688,715	1,178	5,893,792	3,768	18,499,164	3,869	18,819,234
FEB	1,841	8,578,566	590	4,267,525	1,072	5,827,954	3,603	18,674,045	3,702	18,994,615
JAN	2,323	10,438,261	866	5,111,224	1,525	8,531,589	4,714	24,081,074	4,831	24,589,697
TOTAL 1984	37,284	147,454,320	13,535	74,764,905	22,423	109,281,463	73,242	331,500,688	74,953	336,323,383
1984: DEC	2,629	10,514,244	891	5,006,805	1,686	8,974,599	5,206	24,495,648	5,326	24,875,556
NOV	2,934	11,413,642	992	5,330,256	1,658	8,446,304	5,584	25,190,202	5,698	25,551,026
OCT	2,991	12,543,894	1,045	5,830,193	1,781	8,641,633	5,817	27,015,720	5,979	27,537,529
SEP	2,982	11,577,625	1,101	5,937,589	1,826	8,719,182	5,909	26,234,496	6,015	26,548,884
AUG	3,309	12,540,204	1,334	7,110,047	2,239	10,374,165	6,882	30,024,416	7,030	30,484,013
JUL	3,415	13,208,548	1,223	6,803,231	2,096	9,662,064	6,734	29,673,843	6,871	30,099,426
JUN	3,371	12,701,616	1,304	6,925,090	2,149	9,864,832	6,824	29,491,538	6,972	29,889,171
MAY	3,306	13,064,199	1,187	6,625,570	1,824	8,972,652	6,317	28,662,421	6,467	29,032,422
APR	2,931	11,298,265	901	5,379,812	1,602	8,055,121	5,434	24,733,198	5,608	25,143,311
MAR	3,096	12,760,920	1,054	6,395,443	1,675	8,529,500	5,825	27,685,863	5,985	28,083,742
FEB	3,047	12,389,588	1,205	6,438,653	1,708	8,574,835	5,960	27,403,076	6,102	27,794,434
JAN	3,273	13,441,575	1,298	6,982,116	2,179	10,466,576	6,750	30,890,267	6,900	31,283,869
TOTAL 1983	35,488	132,428,718	13,824	74,161,117	22,665	100,895,695	71,977	307,485,530	73,917	312,067,050
1983: DEC	2,908	11,124,845	1,279	6,516,425	1,862	9,063,133	6,049	26,704,403	6,191	27,063,267
NOV	3,161	12,195,192	1,233	6,059,643	2,077	9,641,891	6,471	27,896,726	6,639	28,310,884
OCT	3,221	12,281,287	1,365	6,778,694	2,113	9,405,999	6,699	28,465,980	6,862	28,858,283
SEP	3,151	11,601,477	1,230	6,382,141	1,946	8,322,629	6,327	26,306,247	6,496	26,650,485
AUG	3,316	11,681,547	1,295	6,543,667	2,041	8,423,861	6,652	26,649,075	6,871	27,211,568
JUL	3,002	10,758,897	1,070	5,617,147	1,929	8,065,827	6,001	24,441,871	6,175	24,830,375
JUN	2,827	10,307,214	1,022	5,809,757	1,836	7,273,838	5,685	23,390,809	5,850	23,729,972
MAY	2,605	10,322,927	925	5,436,823	1,697	7,481,807	5,227	23,241,557	5,406	23,696,817
APR	2,530	9,772,843	863	5,178,162	1,534	7,093,076	4,927	22,044,081	5,046	22,325,332
MAR	2,850	10,993,652	1,058	6,054,820	1,821	8,457,332	5,729	25,505,804	5,890	25,838,060
FEB	2,521	9,625,340	1,074	6,017,830	1,709	7,791,332	5,304	23,434,502	5,423	23,741,268
JAN	3,396	11,763,497	1,410	7,766,008	2,100	9,874,970	6,906	29,404,475	7,068	29,810,739
TOTAL 1982	38,167	146,185,100	18,449	104,009,767	25,348	120,752,727	81,964	370,947,594	84,166	376,183,862
TOTAL 1981	42,673	169,053,992	19,826	106,149,416	27,119	132,482,914	89,618	407,686,322	91,991	413,508,050

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 31, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	463	2,889,342	234	1,527,665	2,244	13,333,078	2,941	17,750,085
1985: MAY	16	100,127	10	48,337	119	758,557	145	907,021
APR	50	289,705	28	181,380	364	2,177,066	442	2,648,151
MAR	103	660,794	39	250,277	500	2,812,200	642	3,723,271
FEB	133	852,494	62	425,126	519	3,077,135	714	4,354,755
JAN	161	986,222	95	622,545	742	4,508,120	998	6,116,887
TOTAL 1984	2,158	11,760,269	1,288	8,292,487	10,253	55,263,167	13,699	75,315,923
1984: DEC	124	663,520	61	342,457	822	4,878,655	1,007	5,884,632
NOV	161	884,440	71	459,453	773	4,359,098	1,005	5,702,991
OCT	154	769,029	109	712,130	872	4,474,153	1,135	5,955,312
SEP	197	1,118,969	100	673,748	827	4,308,993	1,124	6,101,710
AUG	169	907,194	94	647,918	975	5,216,008	1,238	6,771,120
JUL	181	959,192	127	868,906	996	5,001,398	1,304	6,829,496
JUN	185	1,031,908	115	693,826	1,013	5,127,461	1,313	6,853,195
MAY	210	1,150,444	119	751,900	796	4,406,642	1,125	6,308,986
APR	148	881,144	92	624,357	720	3,950,198	960	5,455,699
MAR	210	1,166,336	139	956,864	717	4,078,684	1,066	6,201,884
FEB	195	1,094,060	137	805,644	782	4,360,435	1,114	6,260,139
JAN	224	1,134,033	124	755,284	960	5,101,442	1,308	6,990,759
TOTAL 1983	2,068	10,402,741	1,597	10,034,677	9,783	47,721,284	13,448	68,158,702
1983: DEC	148	738,902	118	728,770	797	4,191,201	1,063	5,658,873
NOV	166	822,684	110	683,796	915	4,454,474	1,191	5,960,954
OCT	199	1,046,486	132	800,543	902	4,398,261	1,233	6,245,290
SEP	169	849,357	128	771,556	876	3,993,921	1,173	5,614,834
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	860	3,813,279	1,170	5,368,541
JUL	178	820,697	126	716,449	821	3,646,319	1,125	5,183,465
JUN	163	796,488	126	835,795	823	3,518,909	1,112	5,151,192
MAY	156	907,520	148	982,254	763	3,755,119	1,067	5,644,893
APR	172	856,144	127	837,487	629	3,300,781	928	4,994,412
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	764	4,067,930	1,085	5,880,434
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	700	3,705,993	1,016	5,605,893
JAN	193	923,364	159	1,051,460	933	4,875,097	1,285	6,849,921
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,998	2,132	14,585,043	11,117	59,996,279	15,706	87,974,320
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,527	17,016,432	12,270	68,763,168	17,462	101,208,956

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,788	11,799,713	953	5,780,742	1,406	7,470,189	5,147	25,050,644	5,278	25,536,177
1985: MAY	272	1,439,465	60	403,822	254	1,562,299	586	3,405,586	618	3,516,986
APR	1,177	5,059,199	278	1,642,438	502	2,470,508	1,957	9,172,145	1,994	9,300,906
MAR	757	2,815,008	297	1,774,294	323	1,661,872	1,377	6,251,174	1,412	6,376,187
FEB	328	1,397,768	166	1,025,063	195	1,076,389	689	3,499,220	705	3,572,576
JAN	254	1,088,273	152	935,125	132	699,121	538	2,722,519	549	2,769,522
TOTAL 1984	1,195	3,602,885	873	4,018,985	499	2,362,798	2,567	9,984,668	2,663	10,194,507
1984: DEC	217	698,708	143	706,959	89	479,652	449	1,885,319	461	1,918,103
NOV	207	521,562	140	678,168	82	434,679	429	1,634,409	433	1,647,411
OCT	155	543,012	142	636,476	62	308,174	359	1,487,662	364	1,507,427
SEP	122	371,338	158	683,419	42	156,270	322	1,211,027	329	1,238,891
AUG	128	354,049	96	389,171	50	252,208	274	995,428	280	1,009,301
JUL	92	224,592	69	258,672	34	162,647	195	645,911	200	659,472
JUN	71	216,132	36	192,583	44	196,813	151	605,528	157	609,063
MAY	72	210,736	22	110,592	22	100,059	116	421,387	130	434,825
APR	43	152,331	15	100,353	23	81,640	81	334,324	94	359,132
MAR	32	108,300	21	132,404	23	82,942	76	323,646	92	347,803
FEB	31	114,655	19	90,725	15	74,649	65	280,029	70	289,136
JAN	25	87,470	12	39,463	13	33,065	50	159,998	53	173,943
TOTAL 1983	110	291,142	89	369,095	103	306,981	302	967,218	317	1,013,946
1983: DEC	25	46,656	15	59,660	15	49,253	55	155,569	57	161,166
NOV	20	66,385	10	43,354	16	62,215	46	171,954	52	190,099
OCT	12	33,414	12	60,349	5	16,585	29	110,348	30	113,348
SEP	4	6,426	7	16,446	5	6,157	16	29,029	17	32,025
AUG	8	38,443	9	49,484	13	38,793	30	126,720	32	131,730
JUL	7	14,461	7	23,225	13	29,714	27	87,400	27	67,400
JUN	9	22,532	9	24,427	7	16,747	25	63,706	27	70,156
MAY	4	11,475	4	17,305	6	21,191	14	49,971	14	49,971
APR	4	6,738	2	5,919	8	25,085	12	37,742	13	43,272
MAR	5	19,361	5	22,167	8	21,135	18	62,663	18	62,663
FEB	7	15,458	2	8,376	7	17,008	16	40,842	16	40,842
JAN	5	9,793	7	38,383	2	3,098	14	51,274	14	51,274
TOTAL 1982	58	115,461	69	264,562	55	201,561	182	581,584	184	590,909
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	16	45,394	14	67,212	39	119,037	69	231,643	73	259,460
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	4,167	15,854,595	1,998	10,500,596	2,102	10,460,566	8,267	36,815,757	8,515	37,594,999

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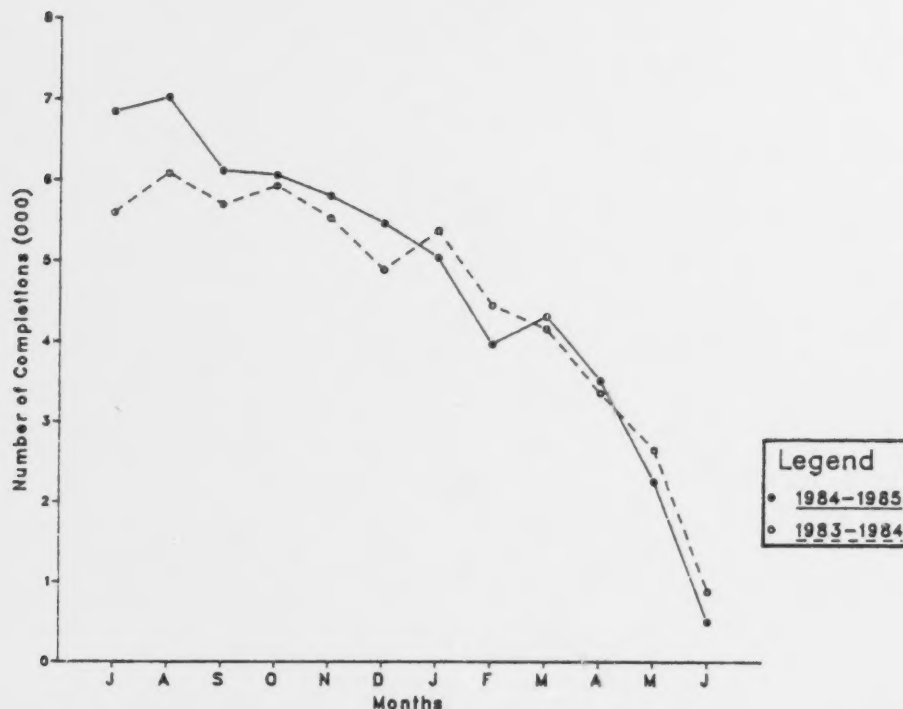


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BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JUNE 30, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	10,022	44,836,656	3,310	20,029,384	6,258	33,558,357	19,590	98,424,397	20,109	100,296,446
1985: JUN	199	902,771	60	366,452	246	1,332,661	505	2,601,884	528	2,693,213
MAY	1,218	5,692,463	308	1,825,951	727	4,021,592	2,253	11,540,006	2,309	11,743,743
APR	1,850	8,272,649	517	3,285,989	1,146	6,042,646	3,513	17,601,284	3,596	17,867,925
MAR	2,243	9,943,518	712	4,342,086	1,353	6,836,635	4,308	21,122,239	4,422	21,483,409
FEB	2,010	9,152,065	779	4,726,802	1,177	6,352,032	3,966	20,230,899	4,078	20,604,523
JAN	2,502	10,873,190	934	5,482,104	1,609	8,972,791	5,045	25,328,085	5,176	25,903,633
TOTAL 1984	37,854	149,295,918	14,102	77,365,438	22,811	110,897,444	74,767	337,558,800	76,513	342,447,904
1984: DEC	2,752	10,808,675	955	5,340,543	1,762	9,313,872	5,469	25,463,090	5,591	25,846,124
NOV	3,024	11,722,962	1,059	5,653,262	1,725	8,736,503	5,808	26,112,727	5,926	26,478,164
OCT	3,075	12,839,388	1,167	6,381,418	1,821	8,830,065	6,063	28,050,871	6,227	28,575,184
SEP	3,051	11,801,896	1,204	6,391,186	1,861	8,856,640	6,116	27,049,722	6,222	27,364,110
AUG	3,364	12,733,607	1,383	7,341,950	2,270	10,484,288	7,017	30,559,845	7,169	31,032,333
JUL	3,453	13,351,658	1,263	6,945,015	2,125	9,781,986	6,841	30,078,659	6,979	30,504,242
JUN	3,417	12,848,660	1,337	7,066,584	2,176	9,945,362	6,930	29,860,606	7,082	30,266,358
MAY	3,327	13,112,706	1,213	6,743,014	1,845	9,068,743	6,385	28,924,463	6,538	29,298,027
APR	2,943	11,340,874	917	5,463,698	1,623	8,110,594	5,483	24,915,166	5,663	25,331,764
MAR	3,109	12,818,175	1,067	6,458,542	1,690	8,596,825	5,866	27,873,542	6,034	28,286,134
FEB	3,059	12,435,751	1,219	6,517,496	1,718	8,635,311	5,996	27,588,558	6,138	27,979,916
JAN	3,280	13,481,566	1,318	7,062,730	2,195	10,537,255	6,793	31,081,551	6,945	31,485,548
TOTAL 1983	35,574	132,652,046	13,871	74,342,980	22,756	101,172,910	72,201	308,167,936	74,151	312,783,718
1983: DEC	2,917	11,160,367	1,286	6,538,382	1,877	9,104,873	6,080	26,803,622	6,223	27,164,336
NOV	3,166	12,211,862	1,237	6,071,918	2,087	9,669,820	6,490	27,953,600	6,663	28,388,885
OCT	3,229	12,328,632	1,371	6,809,163	2,127	9,437,564	6,727	28,575,359	6,890	28,967,662
SEP	3,161	11,622,222	1,234	6,411,263	1,959	8,359,433	6,354	26,392,918	6,525	26,744,396
AUG	3,327	11,701,041	1,307	6,571,630	2,046	8,451,485	6,680	26,724,156	6,900	27,288,444
JUL	3,003	10,759,437	1,075	5,646,928	1,934	8,077,874	6,012	24,484,239	6,186	24,872,743
JUN	2,833	10,327,789	1,025	5,813,953	1,843	7,289,046	5,701	23,430,788	5,867	23,772,201
MAY	2,612	10,334,178	928	5,452,566	1,704	7,523,491	5,244	23,310,235	5,423	23,765,495
APR	2,539	9,794,308	864	5,180,252	1,537	7,098,256	4,940	22,072,816	5,059	22,354,067
MAR	2,859	11,006,819	1,059	6,057,800	1,828	8,479,472	5,746	25,544,091	5,907	25,876,347
FEB	2,531	9,643,081	1,078	6,034,401	1,711	7,797,332	5,320	23,474,814	5,439	23,781,580
JAN	3,397	11,762,310	1,407	7,754,724	2,103	9,884,264	6,907	29,401,298	7,069	29,807,562
TOTAL 1982	38,181	146,224,578	18,488	104,149,513	25,393	120,875,093	82,062	371,249,184	84,269	376,499,058
TOTAL 1981	42,687	169,099,459	19,839	106,207,271	27,152	132,570,830	89,678	407,877,560	92,056	413,720,399

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JUNE 30, 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	581	3,563,431	323	2,124,851	2,874	17,070,627	3,778	22,758,909
1985: JUN	6	29,093	1	3,340	107	586,985	114	619,418
MAY	57	367,758	34	185,754	317	1,917,176	408	2,470,688
APR	79	457,513	49	337,497	513	3,146,219	641	3,941,229
MAR	121	744,696	54	367,076	589	3,328,364	764	4,440,136
FEB	147	911,621	79	536,101	576	3,385,855	802	4,833,577
JAN	171	1,052,750	106	695,083	772	4,706,028	1,049	6,453,861
TOTAL 1984	2,185	11,886,846	1,359	8,780,002	10,417	55,997,717	13,961	76,664,565
1984: DEC	128	679,741	69	414,395	859	5,069,760	1,056	6,163,896
NOV	163	898,285	79	516,968	798	4,472,012	1,040	5,887,935
OCT	155	772,479	114	783,055	890	4,576,806	1,159	6,132,340
SEP	201	1,128,545	111	763,690	839	4,357,592	1,151	6,249,827
AUG	175	944,930	102	692,909	986	5,257,699	1,263	6,895,538
JUL	184	967,082	135	898,855	1,008	5,051,804	1,327	6,917,741
JUN	187	1,042,214	119	710,789	1,022	5,149,397	1,328	6,902,400
MAY	211	1,154,044	122	769,264	809	4,459,880	1,142	6,383,188
APR	149	882,467	95	646,617	732	3,985,734	976	5,514,818
MAR	211	1,173,296	143	975,545	723	4,100,840	1,077	6,249,681
FEB	196	1,099,060	141	833,476	784	4,378,314	1,121	6,310,850
JAN	225	1,144,033	129	774,439	967	5,137,879	1,321	7,056,351
TOTAL 1983	2,077	10,423,676	1,606	10,057,450	9,816	47,814,841	13,499	68,295,967
1983: DEC	149	740,158	121	741,737	805	4,209,219	1,075	5,691,114
NOV	167	822,979	110	683,796	918	4,457,678	1,195	5,964,453
OCT	201	1,060,050	132	800,543	908	4,409,434	1,241	6,270,027
SEP	170	851,061	128	771,556	879	4,003,235	1,177	5,625,852
AUG	179	780,611	132	776,106	862	3,815,279	1,173	5,371,996
JUL	178	820,697	127	719,299	821	3,646,319	1,126	5,186,315
JUN	164	796,939	130	841,296	825	3,524,309	1,119	5,162,544
MAY	157	909,185	148	982,254	767	3,789,337	1,072	5,680,776
APR	174	858,144	127	837,487	631	3,305,711	932	5,001,342
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	765	4,068,930	1,086	5,881,434
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	701	3,709,493	1,017	5,609,393
JAN	193	923,364	159	1,051,460	934	4,875,897	1,286	6,850,721
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,998	2,138	14,626,998	11,126	60,023,040	15,721	88,043,036
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,527	17,016,432	12,273	68,768,834	17,465	101,214,622

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING JUNE 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,174	9,132,634	777	4,460,482	1,381	7,351,618	4,332	20,944,734	4,442	21,389,855
1985: JUN	199	902,771	60	366,452	246	1,332,661	505	2,601,884	528	2,693,213
MAY	946	4,252,998	248	1,422,129	472	2,457,958	1,666	8,133,085	1,691	8,226,919
APR	437	1,936,008	191	1,193,948	298	1,651,860	926	4,781,816	948	4,880,695
MAR	243	1,026,861	122	653,371	175	942,833	540	2,623,065	553	2,664,165
FEB	169	573,499	89	459,277	105	524,078	363	1,556,854	376	1,609,908
JAN	180	440,497	67	365,305	85	442,228	332	1,248,030	346	1,314,955
TOTAL 1984	571	1,844,970	567	2,600,533	387	1,614,460	1,525	6,059,963	1,560	6,126,372
1984: DEC	122	289,631	64	333,738	76	339,273	262	962,642	264	965,738
NOV	91	314,210	67	323,006	67	290,199	225	927,415	229	932,028
OCT	84	295,574	122	551,225	40	188,432	246	1,035,231	248	1,037,735
SEP	70	227,473	103	453,497	33	130,822	206	811,792	206	811,792
AUG	55	193,403	49	231,903	32	115,059	136	540,365	140	553,256
JUL	38	143,110	40	141,784	29	119,922	107	404,816	107	404,816
JUN	46	147,044	33	141,494	27	80,530	106	369,068	110	377,187
MAY	21	48,507	26	117,444	21	96,274	68	262,225	71	265,788
APR	12	42,609	16	83,886	21	55,469	49	181,964	55	188,449
MAR	13	57,255	13	63,099	15	67,325	41	187,679	49	202,392
FEB	12	46,163	14	78,843	10	60,476	36	185,482	36	185,482
JAN	7	39,991	20	80,614	16	70,679	43	191,284	45	201,679
TOTAL 1983	86	223,674	49	185,827	91	277,705	226	687,206	235	719,673
1983: DEC	9	35,522	7	21,957	15	41,740	31	99,219	32	101,069
NOV	6	18,880	4	12,275	10	27,929	20	59,084	25	80,211
OCT	7	43,401	6	30,469	14	31,565	27	105,435	27	105,435
SEP	11	24,689	4	29,122	13	36,804	28	90,615	30	97,855
AUG	11	19,494	12	27,963	6	29,419	29	76,876	29	76,876
JUL	1	540	5	29,781	5	12,047	11	42,368	11	42,368
JUN	6	20,575	4	5,501	6	13,903	16	39,979	17	42,229
MAY	7	11,251	3	15,743	7	41,684	17	68,678	17	68,678
APR	9	21,465	1	2,090	3	5,180	13	28,735	13	28,735
MAR	9	13,167	1	2,980	7	22,140	17	38,287	17	38,287
FEB	8	13,286	2	7,946	2	6,000	12	27,232	12	27,232
JAN	2	1,404	0	0	3	9,294	5	10,698	5	10,698
TOTAL 1982	15	42,197	38	137,087	45	122,303	98	301,587	103	315,193
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	38	76,176	18	68,895	43	115,825	99	260,896	104	282,007
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	2,884	11,319,651	1,449	7,452,824	1,947	9,481,911	6,280	28,254,386	6,444	28,833,100

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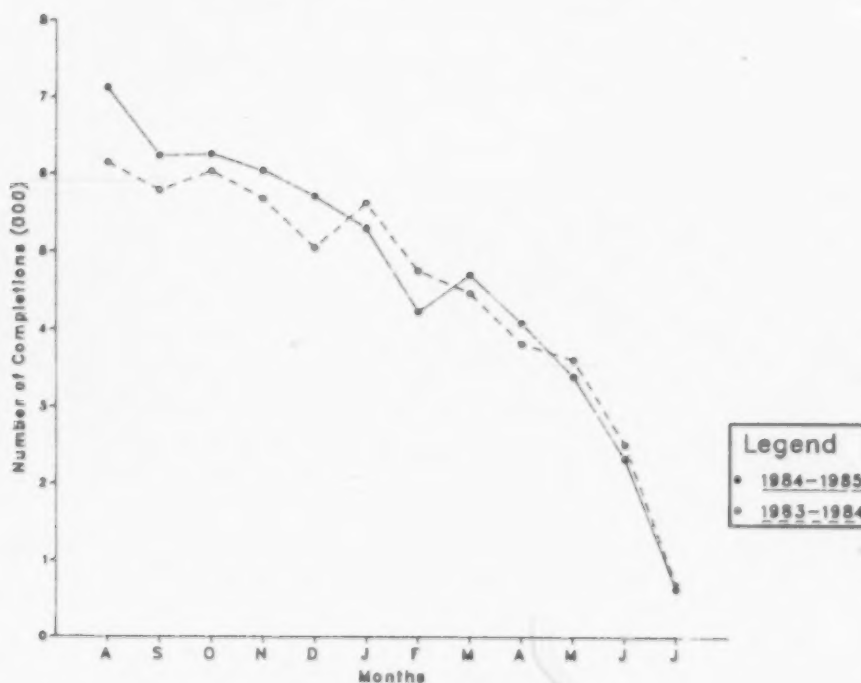


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	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	12,606	54,932,616	4,360	25,620,758	7,642	40,587,882*	24,608	121,141,256	25,217	123,342,678
1985: JUL	266	1,127,932	80	511,089	283	1,573,040	529	3,212,061	539	3,225,702
JUN	1,228	5,170,767	365	1,957,552	723	3,542,822	2,316	10,671,141	2,368	10,884,481
MAY	1,780	7,986,241	556	3,160,129	1,043	5,647,236	3,379	16,793,606	3,471	17,140,570
APR	2,136	9,337,296	647	4,012,934	1,287	6,702,319	4,070	20,052,549	4,156	20,330,070
MAR	2,430	10,596,305	819	4,924,981	1,445	7,352,904	4,694	22,874,190	4,816	23,259,893
FEB	2,137	9,511,920	864	5,131,824	1,221	6,590,858	4,222	21,234,602	4,337	21,621,696
JAN	2,629	11,202,155	1,029	5,922,249	1,640	9,178,703	5,298	26,303,107	5,430	26,880,266
TOTAL 1984	38,446	150,704,311	14,549	79,384,860	23,027	111,766,131	76,022	341,855,302	77,793	346,802,276
1984: DEC	2,864	11,135,239	1,044	5,703,240	1,807	9,488,668	5,710	26,327,147	5,832	26,710,181
NOV	3,102	11,935,181	1,181	6,183,839	1,759	8,899,350	6,042	27,018,370	6,161	27,385,007
OCT	3,140	13,003,790	1,278	6,937,939	1,839	8,923,059	6,257	28,864,788	6,425	29,408,811
SEP	3,117	11,989,699	1,238	6,531,524	1,882	8,955,005	6,237	27,476,228	6,343	27,790,616
AUG	3,413	12,836,818	1,415	7,487,562	2,292	10,562,653	7,120	30,887,033	7,273	31,362,651
JUL	3,497	13,453,619	1,276	7,014,278	2,138	9,802,967	6,911	30,270,864	7,062	30,716,844
JUN	3,451	12,918,175	1,348	7,108,987	2,193	10,003,723	6,992	30,030,885	7,145	30,440,083
MAY	3,361	13,210,182	1,224	6,806,392	1,854	9,091,231	6,439	29,107,805	6,592	29,481,369
APR	2,975	11,382,786	921	5,487,103	1,636	8,150,934	5,532	25,020,823	5,714	25,445,019
MAR	3,159	12,881,133	1,072	6,481,648	1,696	8,615,596	5,927	27,978,377	6,097	28,393,358
FEB	3,082	12,462,765	1,229	6,560,980	1,728	8,683,101	6,039	27,706,846	6,181	28,098,204
JAN	3,285	13,494,924	1,323	7,081,368	2,208	10,589,844	6,816	31,166,136	6,968	31,570,133
TOTAL 1983	35,634	132,794,464	13,902	74,449,494	22,810	101,312,864	72,346	308,556,822	74,300	313,177,026
1983: DEC	2,929	11,199,230	1,290	6,555,104	1,882	9,111,272	6,101	26,865,606	6,244	27,226,320
NOV	3,173	12,234,789	1,243	6,093,411	2,091	9,674,000	6,507	28,002,200	6,680	28,437,485
OCT	3,237	12,343,793	1,375	6,819,555	2,132	9,448,477	6,744	28,611,825	6,909	29,006,838
SEP	3,164	11,630,126	1,237	6,419,511	1,964	8,367,568	6,365	26,417,205	6,536	26,768,683
AUG	3,333	11,711,125	1,308	6,572,780	2,055	8,470,034	6,696	26,753,939	6,916	27,318,227
JUL	3,005	10,762,403	1,077	5,649,791	1,936	8,078,529	6,018	24,490,723	6,193	24,880,397
JUN	2,836	10,339,644	1,025	5,813,953	1,848	7,314,831	5,709	23,468,428	5,876	23,810,383
MAY	2,618	10,348,258	931	5,466,560	1,709	7,537,834	5,258	23,352,652	5,437	23,807,912
APR	2,544	9,799,700	864	5,180,252	1,541	7,126,688	4,949	22,106,640	5,068	22,387,891
MAR	2,861	11,011,983	1,062	6,077,494	1,832	8,491,482	5,755	25,580,959	5,916	25,913,215
FEB	2,535	9,646,395	1,080	6,041,477	1,713	7,800,100	5,328	23,487,972	5,447	23,794,738
JAN	3,399	11,767,018	1,410	7,759,606	2,107	9,892,049	6,916	29,418,673	7,078	29,824,937
TOTAL 1982	38,194	146,251,544	18,507	104,200,457	25,418	120,936,224	82,119	371,388,225	84,327	376,641,301
TOTAL 1981	42,696	169,108,161	19,843	106,221,894	27,178	132,630,425	89,717	407,960,480	92,095	413,803,319

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 1, 1985

		OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS WELLS AND DRY HOLES
		WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
TOTAL	1985	699	4,214,882	422	2,821,580	3,488	20,310,556	27,347,018
1985:	JUL	7	46,841	5	52,952	102	642,776	
	JUN	41	232,238	22	188,356	322	1,650,943	742,569
	MAY	88	549,925	61	326,305	451	2,662,071	2,071,537
	APR	100	556,643	66	466,216	570	3,367,515	3,538,301
	MAR	134	821,121	64	428,969	636	3,629,141	4,390,374
	FEB	150	919,267	90	602,407	599	3,527,731	4,879,231
	JAN	179	1,088,847	114	756,375	788	4,830,379	5,049,405
								6,675,601
TOTAL	1984	2,215	12,054,369	1,400	8,973,569	10,513	56,437,166	77,465,104
1984:	DEC	136	717,254	74	430,090	879	5,180,531	
	NOV	168	925,844	87	547,888	809	4,540,141	6,327,875
	OCT	159	814,054	120	831,852	899	4,624,050	6,013,873
	SEP	206	1,161,250	113	772,250	851	4,409,741	6,269,956
	AUG	177	949,703	108	716,888	995	5,290,647	6,343,241
	JUL	186	976,832	140	920,852	1,017	5,065,610	6,957,238
	JUN	189	1,051,359	120	719,909	1,028	5,177,570	6,963,294
	MAY	211	1,154,044	123	770,942	812	4,469,860	6,948,838
	APR	149	882,467	98	662,772	736	4,004,859	6,393,846
	MAR	211	1,173,296	145	987,945	723	4,100,840	5,550,098
	FEB	198	1,104,233	143	837,742	789	4,407,794	6,262,081
	JAN	225	1,144,033	129	774,439	975	5,166,523	6,349,769
								7,084,995
TOTAL	1983	2,078	10,421,916	1,611	10,067,180	9,831	47,854,711	68,343,807
1983:	DEC	149	740,158	122	746,447	805	4,209,219	
	NOV	167	822,979	110	683,796	919	4,458,498	5,695,824
	OCT	201	1,060,050	133	801,543	908	4,409,434	5,965,273
	SEP	170	851,061	129	773,163	882	4,013,480	6,271,027
	AUG	180	781,611	133	777,256	867	3,828,257	5,637,704
	JUL	178	820,697	128	720,562	821	3,646,319	5,387,124
	JUN	164	796,939	130	841,296	826	3,530,712	5,187,578
	MAY	157	909,185	148	982,254	769	3,790,137	5,168,947
	APR	174	858,144	127	837,487	631	3,305,711	5,681,576
	MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	767	4,076,054	5,001,342
	FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	701	3,709,493	5,888,558
	JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	935	4,877,397	5,605,083
								6,853,771
TOTAL	1982	2,457	13,392,998	2,138	14,626,998	11,130	60,026,849	88,046,845
TOTAL	1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,527	17,016,432	12,274	68,775,084	101,220,872

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING JULY 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,584	10,093,549	1,047	5,577,318	1,387	7,137,432	5,018	22,808,299	5,108	23,137,672
1985: JUL	266	1,127,932	80	511,089	283	1,573,040	629	3,212,061	639	3,225,702
JUN	1,029	4,267,996	305	1,591,100	477	2,210,161	1,811	8,069,257	1,840	8,191,268
MAY	561	2,285,397	248	1,334,178	316	1,625,524	1,125	5,245,099	1,151	5,388,326
APR	286	1,063,766	129	721,943	141	739,673	556	2,525,382	559	2,536,262
MAR	187	652,787	107	582,895	92	516,269	386	1,751,951	394	1,776,484
FEB	127	359,855	85	405,022	46	263,203	258	1,028,080	261	1,041,550
JAN	128	335,816	93	431,091	32	209,562	253	976,469	254	978,080
TOTAL 1984	599	1,462,828	444	2,008,154	217	871,308	1,260	4,342,290	1,285	4,400,160
1984: DEC	114	334,449	88	360,695	40	174,796	242	869,940	242	869,940
NOV	80	218,449	121	526,677	33	160,825	234	905,751	235	906,951
OCT	68	177,894	109	545,501	18	92,994	195	816,389	199	836,099
SEP	67	191,403	33	137,790	22	100,813	122	430,006	122	430,006
AUG	48	101,594	33	147,229	22	78,365	103	327,188	104	330,318
JUL	44	101,961	14	75,848	13	20,981	71	198,790	85	219,187
JUN	34	69,515	11	42,403	17	58,361	62	170,279	63	173,725
MAY	34	97,476	11	63,378	9	22,488	54	183,342	54	183,342
APR	32	41,912	4	23,405	14	42,735	50	108,052	52	115,650
MAR	50	62,958	5	23,106	6	18,771	61	104,835	63	107,224
FEB	23	51,914	10	43,484	10	47,790	43	143,188	43	143,188
JAN	5	13,303	5	18,638	13	52,589	23	84,530	23	84,530
TOTAL 1983	62	144,456	30	90,518	55	146,787	147	381,761	151	386,183
1983: DEC	12	38,863	4	16,722	5	6,399	21	61,984	21	61,984
NOV	7	22,927	6	21,493	4	4,290	17	48,710	17	48,710
OCT	8	15,161	4	10,392	5	10,916	17	36,469	19	39,179
SEP	3	7,904	3	8,248	5	8,135	11	24,287	11	24,287
AUG	6	10,083	1	1,150	9	18,549	16	29,782	16	29,782
JUL	2	2,966	2	2,863	3	7,375	7	13,204	8	14,374
JUN	3	11,855	0	0	5	25,785	8	37,640	9	38,182
MAY	6	14,080	3	13,994	5	14,343	14	42,417	14	42,417
APR	5	5,392	0	0	4	28,432	9	33,824	9	33,824
MAR	2	1,811	2	3,698	4	12,010	8	17,519	8	17,519
FEB	5	7,624	2	7,076	2	2,768	9	17,468	9	17,468
JAN	3	5,790	3	4,882	4	7,785	10	18,457	10	18,457
TOTAL 1982	13	26,966	19	50,944	25	61,125	57	139,035	58	142,237
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	11	13,829	6	22,023	34	76,706	51	112,558	53	118,586
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,269	11,741,628	1,546	7,748,957	1,718	8,293,358	6,533	27,783,943	6,655	28,184,838

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of July 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period July 1, 1985 through July 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

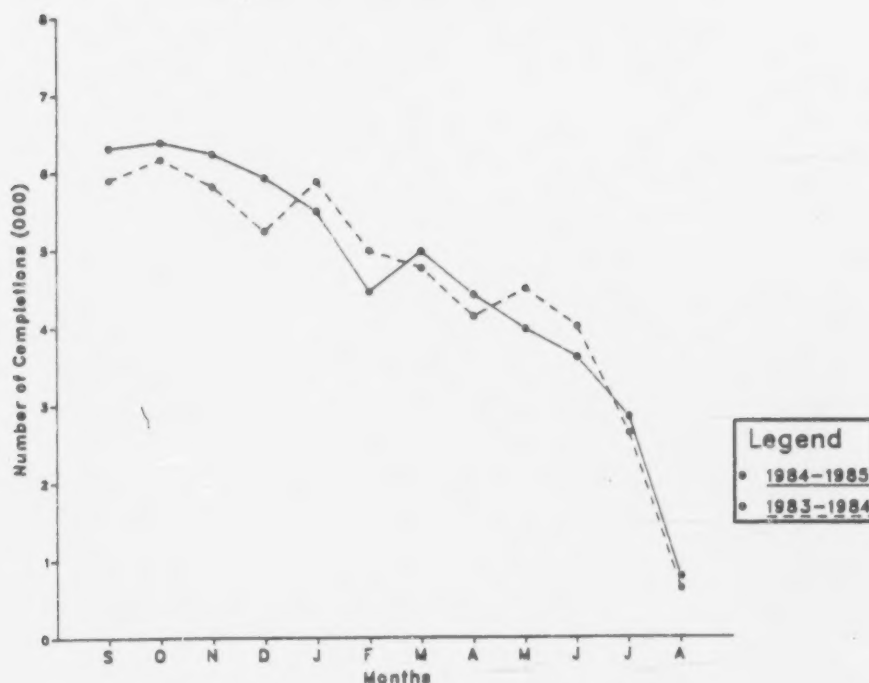


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 31, 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	15,584	67,315,818	5,480	31,857,646	9,513	49,876,335	30,577	149,049,799	31,317	151,679,587
1985: AUG	350	1,709,893	62	380,875	370	2,000,362	782	4,091,130	792	4,119,474
JUL	1,493	6,271,200	453	2,724,776	897	4,436,359	2,843	13,432,335	2,892	13,555,107
JUN	1,910	8,017,549	616	3,391,003	1,084	5,366,320	3,610	16,774,872	3,703	17,142,353
MAY	2,056	9,127,415	682	3,900,345	1,241	6,612,979	3,979	19,640,739	4,096	20,079,668
APR	2,301	9,932,731	719	4,419,830	1,400	7,253,143	4,420	21,605,704	4,512	21,907,666
MAR	2,548	10,998,832	896	5,295,022	1,537	7,774,477	4,981	24,068,331	5,108	24,464,601
FEB	2,227	9,832,958	940	5,468,874	1,295	7,026,652	4,462	22,328,484	4,579	22,718,233
JAN	2,699	11,425,240	1,112	6,276,921	1,689	9,406,043	5,500	27,108,204	5,635	27,692,485
TOTAL 1984	38,855	151,979,873	14,847	80,679,803	23,318	112,822,907	77,020	345,482,583	78,815	350,485,376
1984: DEC	2,942	11,418,343	1,132	6,064,002	1,854	9,652,690	5,928	27,135,035	6,051	27,520,619
NOV	3,161	12,155,233	1,272	6,578,886	1,806	9,093,954	6,239	27,828,073	6,358	28,194,710
OCT	3,201	13,213,294	1,328	7,153,511	1,861	9,023,637	6,390	29,390,442	6,562	29,942,875
SEP	3,151	12,071,520	1,252	6,612,469	1,908	9,043,027	6,311	27,727,016	6,419	28,047,755
AUG	3,446	12,921,041	1,427	7,541,416	2,331	10,725,825	7,204	31,188,292	7,364	31,677,172
JUL	3,520	13,506,066	1,289	7,071,648	2,162	9,885,456	6,971	30,463,170	7,124	30,911,532
JUN	3,477	13,019,716	1,354	7,123,684	2,220	10,097,902	7,051	30,241,302	7,208	30,660,397
MAY	3,384	13,273,931	1,233	6,850,750	1,868	9,131,751	6,485	29,256,432	6,638	29,629,996
APR	2,996	11,432,340	925	5,512,054	1,641	8,158,568	5,562	25,102,962	5,746	25,535,870
MAR	3,182	12,923,977	1,076	6,501,110	1,714	8,668,430	5,972	28,093,517	6,143	28,508,760
FEB	3,100	12,497,129	1,233	6,576,959	1,732	8,694,772	6,065	27,768,860	6,207	28,160,218
JAN	3,295	13,547,283	1,326	7,093,314	2,221	10,646,895	6,842	31,287,492	6,995	31,695,472
TOTAL 1983	35,694	132,959,683	13,925	74,523,517	22,878	101,494,639	72,497	308,977,839	74,458	313,611,945
1983: DEC	2,937	11,228,167	1,293	6,563,946	1,895	9,146,073	6,125	26,938,186	6,268	27,298,900
NOV	3,185	12,259,023	1,245	6,101,822	2,100	9,695,534	6,530	28,056,379	6,703	28,491,664
OCT	3,241	12,361,374	1,378	6,833,595	2,141	9,481,871	6,760	28,676,840	6,927	29,076,223
SEP	3,171	11,650,770	1,241	6,427,696	1,968	8,377,064	6,380	26,455,530	6,551	26,807,008
AUG	3,340	11,729,673	1,310	6,582,846	2,060	8,479,296	6,710	26,791,815	6,931	27,358,792
JUL	3,008	10,776,401	1,078	5,651,091	1,938	8,082,962	6,024	24,510,454	6,200	24,901,780
JUN	2,844	10,350,525	1,025	5,813,953	1,851	7,324,506	5,720	23,488,984	5,887	23,830,939
MAY	2,620	10,350,084	932	5,468,235	1,712	7,552,329	5,264	23,370,648	5,444	23,830,731
APR	2,549	9,814,656	866	5,183,479	1,550	7,143,912	4,965	22,142,047	5,085	22,423,513
MAR	2,863	11,023,847	1,065	6,089,782	1,836	7,497,004	5,764	25,610,633	5,926	25,943,042
FEB	2,536	9,647,345	1,082	6,047,465	1,714	7,801,700	5,332	23,496,511	5,451	23,803,277
JAN	3,400	11,767,818	1,410	7,759,606	2,113	9,912,388	6,923	29,439,812	7,085	29,846,076
TOTAL 1982	38,216	146,304,332	18,524	104,241,096	25,441	121,018,333	82,181	371,563,761	84,390	376,817,857
TOTAL 1981	42,712	169,159,458	19,844	106,223,808	27,199	132,663,467	89,755	408,046,733	92,133	413,889,572

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 31, 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	870	5,123,993	542	3,686,285	4,256	24,648,836	5,668	33,459,114
1985: AUG	28	137,281	5	35,142	148	878,006	181	1,050,429
JUL	49	300,167	32	214,254	366	2,011,434	447	2,525,855
JUN	79	441,153	49	403,778	465	2,428,698	593	3,273,629
MAY	111	663,276	83	514,068	535	3,139,327	729	4,316,671
APR	117	648,685	81	559,908	613	3,615,571	811	4,824,164
MAR	149	900,013	74	499,865	680	3,875,205	903	5,275,083
FEB	153	928,000	98	664,510	636	3,759,033	887	5,351,543
JAN	184	1,105,418	120	794,760	813	4,941,562	1,117	6,841,740
TOTAL 1984	2,234	12,144,096	1,447	9,142,155	10,628	56,902,603	14,309	78,188,854
1984: DEC	140	743,667	85	460,706	904	5,268,092	1,129	6,472,465
NOV	171	938,961	94	572,433	823	4,591,924	1,088	6,103,318
OCT	160	821,125	129	852,179	908	4,662,909	1,197	6,336,213
SEP	208	1,165,333	117	800,258	859	4,449,364	1,184	6,414,955
AUG	179	955,813	113	741,259	1,014	5,382,670	1,306	7,079,742
JUL	187	978,866	142	921,779	1,029	5,110,530	1,358	7,011,175
JUN	191	1,061,698	124	724,946	1,040	5,218,230	1,355	7,004,874
MAY	212	1,158,594	126	786,115	817	4,493,472	1,155	6,438,181
APR	150	883,567	99	677,072	741	4,012,493	990	5,573,132
MAR	211	1,173,296	146	995,987	725	4,112,422	1,082	6,281,705
FEB	198	1,104,233	143	837,742	790	4,412,454	1,131	6,354,429
JAN	227	1,158,943	129	771,679	978	5,188,043	1,334	7,118,665
TOTAL 1983	2,089	10,440,556	1,624	10,102,612	9,862	47,920,586	13,575	68,463,754
1983: DEC	149	740,158	124	754,132	808	4,219,699	1,081	5,713,989
NOV	167	822,979	111	686,553	923	4,466,032	1,201	5,975,564
OCT	201	1,060,050	135	812,826	909	4,411,034	1,245	6,283,910
SEP	173	855,615	132	778,503	884	4,020,426	1,189	5,654,544
AUG	183	785,072	134	779,421	870	3,829,889	1,187	5,394,382
JUL	179	821,522	129	721,862	822	3,649,697	1,130	5,193,081
JUN	165	797,939	130	841,296	828	3,540,318	1,123	5,179,553
MAY	158	910,175	149	983,929	770	3,790,937	1,077	5,685,041
APR	176	865,954	129	840,714	638	3,320,354	943	5,027,022
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	770	4,079,451	1,091	5,891,955
FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	938	4,881,656	1,291	6,858,030
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,998	2,141	14,630,388	11,136	60,051,516	15,734	88,074,902
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,528	17,018,346	12,280	68,784,885	17,473	101,232,587

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING AUGUST 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,978	12,383,252	1,120	6,236,888	1,871	9,287,654	5,969	27,907,794	6,100	28,336,160
1985: AUG	350	1,709,893	62	380,875	370	2,000,362	782	4,091,130	792	4,119,474
JUL	1,227	5,143,318	373	2,213,687	614	2,863,319	2,214	10,220,324	2,253	10,329,455
JUN	682	2,846,782	251	1,433,451	361	1,823,498	1,294	6,103,731	1,335	6,257,872
MAY	276	1,141,174	126	740,216	198	964,944	600	2,846,334	625	2,938,299
APR	165	595,435	72	406,896	113	550,824	350	1,553,155	356	1,577,596
MAR	118	402,527	77	370,041	92	421,573	287	1,194,141	292	1,204,708
FEB	90	321,038	76	337,050	74	435,794	240	1,093,882	242	1,096,537
JAN	70	223,085	83	354,672	49	227,340	202	805,097	205	812,219
TOTAL 1984	409	1,275,562	297	1,288,531	293	1,069,188	999	3,633,281	1,023	3,689,100
1984: DEC	78	283,104	88	360,762	52	164,022	218	807,888	219	810,438
NOV	59	220,052	91	395,047	47	194,604	197	809,703	197	809,703
OCT	61	209,504	50	215,572	22	100,578	133	525,654	137	534,064
SEP	34	81,821	14	80,945	26	88,022	74	250,788	76	257,139
AUG	33	84,223	12	53,854	39	163,172	84	301,249	91	314,521
JUL	23	52,447	12	50,958	25	88,901	60	192,306	62	194,688
JUN	26	101,541	6	14,897	27	94,179	59	210,417	63	220,314
MAY	23	63,749	9	44,358	14	40,520	46	148,627	46	148,627
APR	21	49,554	4	24,951	5	7,834	30	82,139	32	90,851
MAR	23	42,844	4	19,462	19	58,834	46	121,140	47	121,402
FEB	18	34,364	4	15,979	4	11,671	26	62,014	26	62,014
JAN	10	52,359	3	11,946	13	57,051	26	121,356	27	125,339
TOTAL 1983	60	165,219	23	74,023	68	181,775	151	421,017	158	434,919
1983: DEC	8	28,937	3	8,842	13	34,801	24	72,580	24	72,580
NOV	12	24,234	2	8,411	9	21,534	23	54,179	23	54,179
OCT	4	17,581	3	14,040	9	33,394	16	65,015	18	69,385
SEP	7	20,644	4	8,185	4	9,496	15	38,325	15	38,325
AUG	7	18,548	2	10,066	5	9,262	14	37,876	15	40,565
JUL	3	13,998	1	1,300	2	4,433	6	19,731	7	21,383
JUN	8	10,881	0	0	3	9,675	11	20,556	11	20,556
MAY	2	1,826	1	1,675	3	14,495	6	17,996	7	22,819
APR	5	14,956	2	3,227	9	17,224	16	35,407	17	35,622
MAR	2	11,864	3	12,288	4	5,522	9	29,674	10	29,827
FEB	1	950	2	5,989	1	1,600	4	8,539	4	8,539
JAN	1	800	0	0	6	20,339	7	21,139	7	21,139
TOTAL 1982	22	52,788	17	40,639	23	82,109	62	175,536	63	176,556
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	17	53,737	2	2,914	25	39,013	44	95,664	44	95,664
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,486	13,930,558	1,459	7,642,995	2,280	10,659,739	7,225	32,233,292	7,388	32,732,399

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3. See footnote (3) above.
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5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period August 1, 1985 through August 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

**Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months**

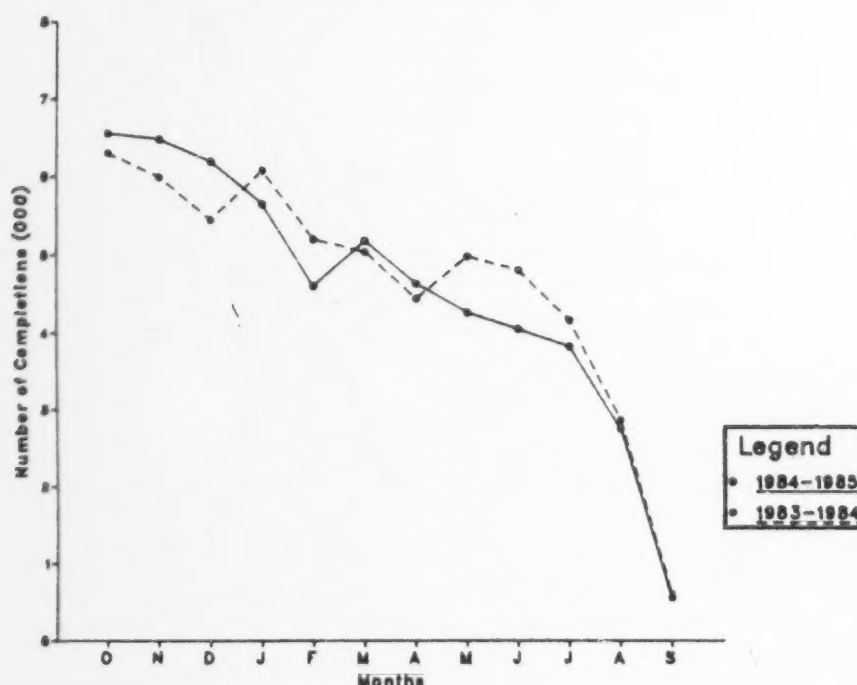


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	17,924	76,299,662	6,492	37,095,595	11,134	57,244,978	35,550	170,640,235	36,367	173,521,374
1985: SEP	227	980,665	54	363,015	274	1,558,783	555	2,902,463	566	2,925,293
AUG	1,417	6,181,610	399	2,309,274	942	4,550,388	2,758	13,041,272	2,786	13,123,176
JUL	1,930	7,885,887	699	3,919,924	1,203	5,843,367	3,832	17,649,178	3,899	17,844,479
JUN	2,079	8,804,158	737	3,964,569	1,240	6,042,655	4,056	18,611,382	4,158	19,007,823
MAY	2,186	9,539,135	739	4,182,931	1,342	6,974,112	4,267	20,696,178	4,391	21,162,792
APR	2,403	10,232,687	764	4,646,734	1,471	7,560,459	4,638	22,439,880	4,736	22,762,733
MAR	2,629	11,229,711	950	5,541,133	1,804	8,031,732	5,183	24,802,576	5,311	25,199,934
FEB	2,294	10,046,888	983	5,645,375	1,328	7,147,764	4,605	22,840,027	4,724	23,240,234
JAN	2,759	11,598,921	1,167	6,522,640	1,730	9,535,718	5,656	27,657,279	5,796	28,254,910
TOTAL 1984	39,307	153,047,407	15,304	82,548,069	23,506	113,415,220	78,117	349,010,696	79,974	354,177,379
1984: DEC	3,039	11,654,389	1,273	6,639,534	1,886	9,779,915	6,198	28,073,838	6,324	28,471,034
NOV	3,240	12,394,311	1,408	7,140,681	1,836	9,214,560	6,484	28,749,552	6,615	29,153,987
OCT	3,266	13,349,030	1,402	7,468,960	1,889	9,104,906	6,557	29,922,896	6,738	30,512,788
SEP	3,216	12,202,132	1,281	6,731,605	1,930	9,097,029	6,427	28,030,766	6,549	28,366,957
AUG	3,471	12,988,949	1,456	7,857,179	2,355	10,772,820	7,282	31,418,948	7,444	31,914,343
JUL	3,547	13,557,816	1,299	7,111,708	2,173	9,930,574	7,019	30,599,898	7,174	31,051,406
JUN	3,504	13,072,779	1,365	7,149,336	2,229	10,132,804	7,098	30,354,919	7,261	30,785,993
MAY	3,408	13,327,583	1,242	6,885,136	1,872	9,141,851	6,522	29,354,570	6,680	29,737,092
APR	3,002	11,445,687	932	5,541,937	1,643	8,172,508	5,577	25,160,132	5,765	25,597,326
MAR	3,187	12,941,407	1,079	6,523,947	1,723	8,690,841	5,989	28,156,195	6,162	28,582,783
FEB	3,125	12,552,752	1,238	6,595,273	1,742	8,719,823	6,105	27,867,848	6,249	28,274,106
JAN	3,302	13,560,772	1,329	7,102,773	2,228	10,657,589	6,859	31,321,134	7,013	31,729,564
TOTAL 1983	35,776	133,122,020	13,953	74,633,829	22,932	101,607,630	72,661	309,363,479	74,632	314,017,317
1983: DEC	2,945	11,243,187	1,294	6,568,625	1,906	9,184,612	6,145	26,976,424	6,288	27,337,138
NOV	3,196	12,288,172	1,247	6,113,967	2,107	9,709,504	6,550	28,111,643	6,724	28,547,658
OCT	3,247	12,371,887	1,382	6,841,686	2,147	9,511,081	6,776	28,724,654	6,943	29,124,037
SEP	3,182	11,676,509	1,241	6,427,696	1,971	8,378,416	6,394	26,482,621	6,565	26,834,099
AUG	3,351	11,758,043	1,311	6,586,734	2,065	8,483,162	6,727	26,827,939	6,949	27,400,316
JUL	3,015	10,791,146	1,082	5,670,979	1,946	8,100,635	6,043	24,562,760	6,219	24,954,086
JUN	2,853	10,370,320	1,032	5,840,898	1,853	7,326,654	5,738	23,537,872	5,909	23,884,987
MAY	2,632	10,362,370	934	5,482,487	1,718	7,565,648	5,284	23,410,505	5,467	23,874,578
APR	2,550	9,815,507	869	5,188,805	1,552	7,160,800	4,971	22,165,112	5,092	22,451,030
MAR	2,864	11,024,824	1,068	6,102,330	1,836	8,487,090	5,768	25,614,244	5,930	25,946,653
FEB	2,536	9,647,359	1,082	6,047,466	1,716	7,804,764	5,334	23,499,589	5,453	23,806,355
JAN	3,405	11,772,696	1,411	7,762,156	2,115	9,915,264	6,931	29,450,116	7,093	29,856,380
TOTAL 1982	38,254	146,357,152	18,553	104,341,810	25,455	121,056,334	82,262	371,755,296	84,471	377,009,392
TOTAL 1981	42,739	169,224,238	19,861	106,278,271	27,216	132,702,638	89,816	408,205,147	92,196	414,052,784

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TABLE 11: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,017	5,907,033	646	4,271,910	5,003	28,283,015	6,666	38,461,958
1985: SEP	9	59,202	2	17,554	128	707,675	139	784,431
AUG	72	406,788	34	184,666	389	2,010,699	495	2,602,153
JUL	84	486,865	53	315,581	520	2,784,449	657	3,586,895
JUN	94	504,310	71	520,090	541	2,788,397	706	3,812,797
MAY	126	720,093	93	579,996	583	3,323,454	802	4,623,543
APR	125	680,636	87	604,954	652	3,801,407	864	5,086,997
MAR	161	960,107	79	531,753	707	4,021,993	947	5,513,853
FEB	158	968,629	99	667,460	654	3,842,913	911	5,479,002
JAN	188	1,120,403	128	849,856	829	5,002,028	1,145	6,972,287
TOTAL 1984	2,245	12,198,654	1,476	9,271,751	10,679	57,158,137	14,400	78,628,542
1984: DEC	142	753,077	91	486,266	914	5,316,038	1,147	6,555,381
NOV	173	946,348	96	575,977	834	4,661,997	1,103	6,184,322
OCT	160	823,287	131	865,249	913	4,692,118	1,204	6,380,654
SEP	211	1,172,242	120	805,386	866	4,484,031	1,197	6,461,659
AUG	180	964,935	118	775,279	1,019	5,404,208	1,317	7,144,422
JUL	187	979,866	144	940,909	1,033	5,134,163	1,364	7,053,938
JUN	191	1,061,698	128	738,405	1,042	5,220,915	1,361	7,021,018
MAY	213	1,167,744	129	793,887	819	4,499,579	1,161	6,461,210
APR	151	886,985	99	677,072	742	4,020,233	992	5,584,290
MAR	212	1,180,296	147	1,001,388	727	4,122,382	1,086	6,304,066
FEB	198	1,104,233	143	837,742	791	4,413,804	1,132	6,355,779
JAN	227	1,158,943	130	774,191	979	5,188,669	1,336	7,121,803
TOTAL 1983	2,093	10,447,734	1,626	10,121,533	9,879	47,958,972	13,598	68,528,239
1983: DEC	151	742,399	123	752,332	812	4,228,016	1,086	5,722,747
NOV	167	822,979	111	686,553	924	4,467,397	1,202	5,976,929
OCT	202	1,061,410	135	812,826	913	4,432,364	1,250	6,306,600
SEP	173	855,615	132	778,503	887	4,621,778	1,192	5,655,896
AUG	183	785,072	134	779,421	872	3,812,356	1,189	5,396,849
JUL	179	821,522	130	725,264	824	3,657,745	1,133	5,204,531
JUN	166	801,516	130	841,296	828	3,540,313	1,124	5,183,125
MAY	158	910,175	149	983,929	770	3,790,337	1,077	5,685,041
APR	176	865,954	131	858,033	638	3,320,354	945	5,044,341
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	770	4,073,417	1,091	5,885,921
FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	939	4,883,202	1,292	6,859,576
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,390,352	2,145	14,636,405	11,141	60,064,243	15,743	88,091,000
TOTAL 1981	2,666	15,430,986	2,529	17,019,596	12,283	68,788,597	17,478	101,239,179

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING SEPTEMBER 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,339	8,980,794	1,013	5,253,059	1,623	7,375,701	4,975	21,609,554	5,052	21,860,905
1985: SEP	227	980,665	54	363,015	274	1,558,783	555	2,902,463	566	2,925,293
AUG	1,067	4,471,717	337	1,928,399	572	2,550,026	1,976	8,950,142	1,994	9,003,702
JUL	437	1,614,687	246	1,195,148	307	1,411,133	990	4,220,968	1,008	4,293,497
JUN	168	583,559	121	573,566	157	679,383	446	1,836,508	455	1,865,468
MAY	130	411,720	57	282,586	101	361,018	288	1,055,324	295	1,083,009
APR	102	299,956	46	242,014	71	307,316	219	849,286	225	870,177
MAR	81	230,879	54	246,111	67	257,255	202	734,245	203	735,333
FEB	67	213,930	43	176,501	33	121,112	143	511,543	145	522,001
JAN	60	173,681	55	245,719	41	129,675	156	549,075	161	562,425
TOTAL 1984	451	1,053,748	458	1,879,383	189	595,610	1,098	3,528,741	1,160	3,692,631
1984: DEC	97	236,046	141	575,532	32	127,225	270	938,803	273	950,415
NOV	78	227,828	137	573,045	31	121,616	246	922,489	258	960,287
OCT	65	135,826	74	315,449	28	81,269	167	532,544	176	570,003
SEP	65	130,321	29	119,003	22	54,002	116	303,326	130	318,778
AUG	26	68,461	29	115,763	23	46,442	78	230,666	80	237,171
JUL	27	51,550	10	40,060	11	45,118	48	136,728	50	139,874
JUN	27	53,063	11	25,652	9	34,902	47	113,617	53	125,596
MAY	24	53,604	9	34,386	4	10,100	37	98,090	42	107,048
APR	6	13,347	7	29,883	2	13,940	15	57,170	19	61,456
MAR	5	17,430	3	22,837	9	22,411	17	62,678	19	74,023
FEB	25	55,623	5	18,314	10	25,051	40	98,988	42	113,888
JAN	6	10,649	3	9,459	8	13,534	17	33,642	18	34,092
TOTAL 1983	82	153,898	31	131,076	52	104,774	165	389,748	175	409,480
1983: DEC	9	16,423	2	6,479	10	17,019	21	39,921	21	39,921
NOV	12	31,691	2	12,145	6	11,420	20	55,256	21	55,986
OCT	6	10,513	5	12,701	5	24,600	16	47,814	16	47,814
SEP	11	25,739	0	0	3	1,352	14	27,091	14	27,091
AUG	10	24,823	1	3,888	6	7,474	17	36,185	18	41,585
JUL	6	5,994	4	19,888	8	17,678	18	43,560	18	43,560
JUN	9	19,723	7	26,945	2	2,123	18	48,791	22	53,951
MAY	12	12,286	2	14,252	6	13,319	20	39,857	23	43,847
APR	1	851	4	19,664	1	2,550	6	23,065	7	27,517
MAR	1	977	3	12,564	1	1,250	5	14,791	5	14,791
FEB	0	0	0	0	2	3,064	2	3,064	2	3,064
JAN	5	4,878	1	2,550	2	2,925	8	10,353	8	10,353
TOTAL 1982	38	55,715	28	101,874	15	40,995	81	198,584	81	198,584
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	38	94,626	24	80,585	27	51,843	89	227,054	91	231,852
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	2,948	10,338,781	1,554	7,445,977	1,906	8,168,923	6,408	25,953,681	6,559	26,393,452

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3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period September 1, 1985 through September 30, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.